Troops shipped from Jolo to Samar to fight NPA rebs

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House of Sin divided, into 6

By Martin P. Marfil

THE ARCHDIOCESE of Manila was divided into six with Jaime Cardinal Sin's announcement yesterday of the establishment of three new dioceses in Metro Manila.

Cubao, Caloocan and Pasig joined Novaliches and Parañaque, which were put up last year, as the new "suffragan (or at-

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Now it's 'anti-drug junta'

MOUNTAIN HIGH
Nature lovers and mountain climbers enjoy the view of the dead lake on the peak of Mt. Apo during a recent clean-up and tree-planting climb. The idea is to restore the country's highest peak to its old crowning glory. *(Story on Page A12.)*
RYAN LIM/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

No more '4 aces' up Gloria's sleeve

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE CAMPAIGN against illegal drugs will have an "anti-drug junta" composed of Interior Secretary Jose Lina, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency chief Anselmo Avenido and police anti-drug task force chief Gen. Edgardo Aglipay at the helm.

The "Four Aces"—Sen. Robert Barbers, Alfredo Lim, Lucio Margallo and Reynaldo Jaylo—will not play the stellar role in the campaign, as earlier touted. Except for Jaylo, who will be named director II of the PDEA as originally planned, they will not be given official appointments, Palace officials said.

The four former stars of the Manila police were conspicuously absent from the three-hour command conference called yesterday in Malacañang by President Macapagal-Arroyo to discuss the government's strategy against drug syndicates.

Her chief of staff, Rigoberto Tiglao, said it was "a meeting primarily of those already on board."

Tiglao said the President had "emphasized that we would have to do this within the institutional framework, meaning there's a law creating the DDB (Dangerous Drugs Board) and the PDEA."

He said the meeting was lengthy because Ms Macapagal "discussed practically the whole gamut of the anti-illegal drug campaign ... from demand reduction to supply reduction up to the involvement of religious groups, NGOs (nongovernment organizations) and the educational campaign."

NOW/A15

Drug addict's tale from the dark side

By Volt Contreras

ON THE DAY he was released gaunt and unwashed from police custody, he was dumbstruck to see how Edsa had changed in the four years he had spent hiding in the slums.

He had to ask his companions, who were taking him to a rehabilitation center in Tagaytay, what this long, massive structure was running down the middle of the highway. "That's the MRT," he was told, as though he were a wide-eyed *balikbayan*.

And Mat began to realize how dark was the hole from which he was, at 33, emerging.

From 1997 to 2001, this once flashy big spender was reduced to selling the signature shirts off his back for a few grams of shabu (methamphethamine hydrochloride). He also tried selling drugs himself, but always ended up using his own stocks.

Now a "recovered" addict and a counselor at Cheers (Christian Homecare for Enlightenment and Empowering Rehabilitation Services), the rehab center where he was treated, Mat is in a position to look back on "the life I threw away."

To keep his shabu coming, he said in an interview in Quezon City last week, he sold all the fruits of his career as a sales executive: three cars, a motorbike, a P75,000 Omega Constellation wristwatch, cell phones, etc. In his most desperate hours, he tried selling a flashlight and his signature clothes.

He hid from the police, credit card companies, and small-time pushers to whom he owed money, and ended up stealing from the

DRUG/A14

MUNTIK NA AKO MAGING PULUTAN!

Endangered, lost deer finds haven in QC park

By Volt Contreras

LUCK was on the side of this stray Philippine brown deer. Of all places to get caught, it had to be a Quezon City neighborhood that included a household where up to 10 dogs and 30 cats had already found a haven.

The animal-loving Guerrero family, having heard of the catch, virtually paid a ransom for the ani-

ENDANGERED/A14

KINDER PLUS

Pilot program helps kids with impairment

By Andrea Trinidad-Echavez
Contributor

WHEN he was born 13 years ago, Jonjon was the picture of a healthy baby. He was large and cheerful although his parents said he seemed not to be very responsive.

When Jonjon was 3, a volunteer at his day care center noticed that he was not as active as other children his age. He tended to lose his balance easily and would not respond when spoken to even by his family. He was not speaking in the 2-syllable words and short sentences that are the developmental markers for children at that age.

The volunteer immediately brought the boy to the rural midwife for observation. After subjecting Jonjon to a screening procedure for "short hearing," the midwife referred his case to the municipal doctor who recommended that the child be taken to a specialist.

At the developmental pediatrician, Jonjon's parents finally learned what they had long feared: that a bout with measles that led to meningitis when the boy was a little over a year old had affected his hearing.

PILOT/A13

A GIRL learns the rudiments of writing under the Kinder Plus early childhood and development program.

Gary V 'shouts for joy' for mountain children

By Gobleth Moulic
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

TADIAN, Mt. Province—Neither heavy rains nor landslides could stop pop icon Gary Valenciano from fulfilling his promise to bring hope and joy to indigenous children and their elders in three remote towns in the Mt. Province last week.

Gary V, who is an ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) in the Philippines, was the first Filipino recording artist to sing, dance and interact with indigenous children and elders here.

In appreciation, the native Filipinos hugged him and gifted him a *pasiking* (native bag). They also butchered a pig to ask their god Kabunian to protect him and his companions, including his wife, Angeli, Unicef representative Dr. Terrel Hill, Unicef maternal health and nutrition officer Dr. Martha Cayad-an, and New Zealand Agency for International Development program officer Patricia Tan.

"I've been in the industry for 20 years and it's my first time to visit your beautiful rice terraces. There is no greater privilege than to come here and encourage you to reach for your dreams and desires no matter what language you speak or how far you've come from," Gary V told the children who asked for his autograph.

He encouraged the youth to send him their favorite poems and original compositions because he might be able to compose songs from these.

"Pursue your goals. Do not allow poverty to stop you from dreaming. If you want to be an artist like me, go

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon,Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Metro Manila	Partly cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with rains
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Clark Zone	Partly cloudy	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with rains
Tagaytay	Partly cloudy	Zamboanga	Cloudy with rains
Legazpi	Cloudy with rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with rains
Calapan	Cloudy with rains	Davao	Cloudy with rains

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Second FRONTPAGE

Jolo troops fly to Samar to fight NPA

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—Close to 500 soldiers stationed in Mindanao were re-deployed to Eastern Visayas on Friday afternoon, one day after communist rebels overran and burned a military camp in Eastern Samar.

Brig. Gen. Eusebio Ramos, deputy commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division based in Camp Lukban, Catbalogan, Samar, said the fresh soldiers had been previously based in Samar but were deployed to Jolo, Sulu, in May 2001 to fight the terrorist Abu Sayyaf Group.

Their return to the region was made upon the strong lobbying of Maj. Gen. Glenn Rabonza, commanding general of the 8th ID. Rabonza's request was supported by the Visayas Command, which is based in Cebu City.

The soldiers, who are under the command of Col. Felicito Trinidad, came from Zamboanga City and disembarked from a C-130 airplane at the Daniel Z. Romualdez Airport at around 3 p.m. Friday. They were met by Ramos, who is concurrently commanding general of the 802nd Infantry Brigade headquartered in Burauen, Leyte.

With the return of the soldiers to Eastern Samar, "sporadic attacks" by the rebels can be immediately repulsed, Ramos said.

He said the soldiers, all members of the 14th Infantry Battalion, would be put to action right away to combat the insurgency problem in the province.

"I have a high expectation of all the members of the 14th IB. It has the distinction of putting under control the insurgency problem in Eastern Samar," he told the INQUIRER.

The soldiers' return came on the heels of a rebel attack on an Army detachment in the remote upstream village of Cagpili in Oras early Thursday morning. The incident resulted in the killing of 10 members of the Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit, five soldiers and the wife of one of the slain soldiers.

1Lt. Cromwell Danganan, 8ID information officer, said the attack by some 200 New People's Army rebels was led by Romeo Admanan, head of the NPA Northeast Front Committee, Eugenio Lorenzo of the NPA Regional Guerrilla Unit and a certain Jaime Nebril.

The slain soldiers were identified by Danganan as Privates First Class Erwin Bentillo, Gerardo Marco, Nestor Venezuela, Jesus Canonigo and Arnel Arieta.

The slain Cafgu members were Marlon Norombaba, Fabian Norombaba, Richard Cinco, Danny Lapisora, Christian Libanan, Nelson Sortado, Ricky Rebellon, Noe Lomuntad, Gilberto Gabrino and Celso Acaso. The slain civilian, Mary Jane Canonigo, was the wife of Jesus.

Ramos said the incident was their "worst setback" at the hands of the rebels in almost three years. He said the last time the government sustained such a big loss was in San Jose de Buan, Samar, where seven soldiers were killed and five others wounded on Feb. 12, 2001.

'Even from hell'

Communist spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal, however, belittled the capabilities of the fresh Army troops from Jolo.

"Even if they came from hell, they were all GMA's terrorist mercenaries," Rosal said, as he reiterated his warning of more NPA attacks to come.

"The Macapagal government should expect more attacks from the New People's Army fighters in the coming days," he said in a cellular phone interview yesterday.

"This I can assure [President Macapagal-Arroyo], the Red fighters will not run out of opportunities to stage unpredicted raids against enemy targets. If the element of surprise is lacking, we could surely create one," he said.

The President had ordered the military and police to combine their intelligence resources to prevent the NPA from using the element of surprise to their advantage.

"That order," Rosal said, "was all part of GMA's drama because the members of her regular Army were not able to put up a fight."

When asked if the recent NPA offensives were meant to send a message in the face of exploratory peace talks in Amsterdam between the government and the National Democratic Front, Rosal replied: "The Macapagal regime has no intention of stopping its all-out war policy."

"Just like in the past, her fascist armed forces will just ignore any peace efforts. That's why the situation now dictates the policy of talks, talks, talks and fire, fire, fire," Rosal said.

He added: "But if the government really wants to pursue genuine peace, it should join the NDF in reaffirming The Hague Joint Declaration, Jasig and CARHRIHL, and in repudiating the obstructive interference of the US and other foreign governments in the peace negotiations," referring to several unenforced agreements between the government and the communists.

Ms Macapagal had reportedly sent four government negotiators led by Speaker Jose de Venecia to Europe to convince the NDF to resume peace talks. *With Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Release women-rebels, rights group urges gov't

By Volt Contreras

HUMAN rights advocates called yesterday for the release of 18 female political prisoners around the country as a "confidence-building measure" in the resumed peace talks between the government and the communist National Democratic Front.

They specifically cited "nursing mothers in detention" like Zenaida Llesis, 42, a suspected New People's Army guerrilla who delivered a baby girl last Feb. 18 at the Bukidnon Provincial Hospital.

Mother and child remain at the hospital guarded by members of the Army's 403rd Infantry Brigade, according to Dani Beltran of the Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace (EMJP).

In a press forum in Quezon City, Beltran said the infant was found to have a congenital heart disease and a lump in her liver.

"The baby needs to be moved to a better medical facility, and her mother's presence throughout the process is most crucial," he said.

The EMJP will lead a nationwide campaign to save the baby starting July 2. Rights groups will try to visit Llesis in the hospital, raise funds for her child's treatment, and bring her case before the Commission on Human Rights and other concerned government offices.

Llesis was arrested in August 2002 on charges of frustrated murder, and was allowed to post bail on June 4 by the Malaybalay Regional Trial Court.

However, Beltran said, an "archived" charge for multiple murder against her and 59 other suspected NPAs was revived by the government, blocking her release.

Llesis was "falsely charged with common crimes," the EMJP maintained.

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President Macapagal-Arroyo is welcomed by Papal Nuncio Antonio Franco to the Eucharistic Celebration at the National Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Makati City yesterday. See story on Page 1. VAL HANDUMON

Salamat may head peace panel after all

By Edwin O. Fernandez
PDI Mindanao Bureau
and TJ Burgonio

COTABATO CITY—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front yesterday said it might allow MILF chair Salamat Hashim to sit as chief peace negotiator for the rebels in response to a request from Malaysia.

"It is hard to say no to the Malaysian authorities but if presented formally, the MILF central committee will decide to grant it," said Mohaqher Iqbal, speaking for the MILF's central committee.

The Malaysian ambassador to the Philippines, Mohamed Taufik, the other day urged Salamat to chair the MILF panel in peace talks that he said could resume "within days" in Kuala Lumpur.

Iqbal said the MILF central committee could decide the issue quickly if it wanted to.

"We can do it in a few minutes if necessary," he said when told that the government was eyeing July 1 as the start of the talks.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu said the rebels were waiting for the official communication from Malaysia requesting Salamat's participation.

"Once it reaches us, we, meaning the central committee, will decide favorably," he said.

The MILF had earlier rejected a government demand that Salamat head the MILF negotiating team.

But the Malaysian envoy's request, although made through the media, got a favorable response as it was "an added step leading to the resumption of talks and eventually the signing of a comprehensive peace deal," said Kabalu.

In requesting that Salamat lead the panel, Taufik also urged the government to drop the arrest warrants for MILF leaders, especially Salamat.

But President Macapagal-Arroyo has turned down the request, saying the law should not be used as a "bargaining chip" in the negotiations.

The government would not desist from upholding the law even with the start of the talks, she said.

Yesterday, the President called on the MILF leadership to stop their followers from carrying out bombing plots if they wanted the peace talks to proceed.

In her weekly radio address, Ms Macapagal reiterated that the government would not drop its guard despite signs it would resume peace talks with the MILF soon.

She cited the alleged recent discovery by the military of a huge cache of explosives and bomb-making materials in an MILF camp.

She also cited the recovery of land mines from an MILF hideout which she said were intended to target civilians.

"I call on the leadership of the MILF about these discoveries: if you know about this, you must put a stop to these activities if you truly want the peace talks to continue," she said.

The government had earlier filed charges against top MILF officials for a series of bombings and raids on civilians in March and April that claimed dozens of lives.

The bombings and raids prompted the President to suspend peace talks with the MILF in May.

"As we are preparing for peace talks, now is the time for the MILF to cut clean by deed of terrorists, purge its Army of terrorist weapons and engage in principled negotiations shorn of deception," the President said.

The MILF has insisted that they are not behind the bombings and have charged that the military planted the seized explosives. However, Ms Macapagal has rejected these claims. *With a report from AFP*

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Cousins found beheaded

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The headless bodies of two brothers and their cousin were found in Sitio Pagsangan-sang, Barangay Calabasa, Vitali District here last Friday.

Maj. Gen. Trifonio Salazar, chief of the First Tabak Division, identified the victims as Wilson Mendoza, 18; his brother Rudy, 24, and their cousin Rodily Mendoza, 18. They were residents of Barangay Sibulao, also in Vitali.

"We cannot determine if they were killed by the Abu Sayyaf Group or by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front," said Salazar. But Supt. Mario Biong Yanga, city police chief, said beheading was a "trademark of the Abu Sayyaf."

The military said the Mendozas went missing on June 24.

That was the same day three Civilian Volunteer Organization members were reportedly abducted by some 60 Abu Sayyaf members. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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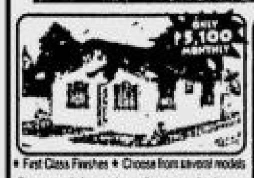

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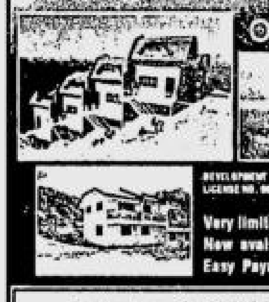

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De Castro won't let presidential survey go to his head

By Michael Lim Ubac

"NOT yet."

Despite his strong showing in the latest presidential survey, Sen. Noli de Castro believes now is not the time for him to run for President. If he had his way, he would rather remain in the Senate until 2007 to finish his six-year term.

De Castro topped the latest Social Weather Stations survey in both the presidential and vice presidential categories. This was not the first time he topped the survey.

He obtained 22 percent of the vote for president, while former Sen. Raul Roco and movie star Fernando Poe Jr. got 19 and 16 percent, respectively. President Macapagal-Arroyo, who had taken herself out of the running, garnered 15 percent.

The survey showed, however, that if Ms Macapagal stuck to her promise not to seek election, Roco could catch up with De Castro.

Unconvinced

The senator, who remains a broadcast talent of ABS-CBN television, appeared unconvinced of victory in the polls if he sought higher office.

"Surveys alone will not change my mind," De Castro told reporters after the necrological rites for the late Sen. Renato Cayetano at the Senate on Friday afternoon.

"As of now, I don't think about that," he said.

De Castro, who ran for senator in 2001 as an independent but handily topped the polls, said, "It is not a joke if you run for the No. 1 or No. 2 positions."

He said he wanted to finish his Senate term before seeking higher office. He admitted, however, that politicians from either side of the fence were urging him to run.

"But my answer remains the same," he said, "not yet."

"I need to learn a lot of things (first)," said the first-term senator.

Welcome

Later, speaking through his media relations officer, Dale Zapata, De Castro admitted the SWS survey was a welcome development.

"Of course, I'm happy that I, again, topped the nationwide survey of presidentiables," Zapata quoted him as saying.

He said this showed that he had the trust and support of the Filipino people.

Asked what would convince him to join the race, he said: "I have to consider a lot of things." He did not elaborate.

But the senator said that since the 2004 presidential race was still 11 months away, "anything is possible."

In earlier interviews, De Castro had said that the support of the ruling party, the proper political machinery and a real groundswell of support from the people were factors he would consider before throwing his hat into the ring.

As for surveys, he said: "They are (good) indicators. But it's too early to say definitely (if he is running)."

He said that compared to other politicians, he did not want to capitalize on survey results to justify his political moves.

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Foreign debt rises to $55.8B

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE PHILIPPINES' foreign debt reached $55.8 billion in the first quarter of 2003—increased by 4.5 percent or $2.4 billion from the same period last year—as the Macapagal administration, attempting to address a chronic financing problem, continued to borrow aggressively from offshore markets.

Data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed that the total had gone up by $1.9 billion, or 3.6 percent, from $53.9 billion in the last quarter of 2002.

From January to March this year alone, the government, including the National Power Corp., borrowed some $1.7 billion from overseas markets. Outside of this, a $585-million loan signed by the BSP in March was disbursed in April, from which $500 million was quickly used to refinance maturing obligations.

The BSP explained that public sector borrowings usually heightened in the first quarter of the year. In the same period last year, the government borrowed $1.3 billion. Foreign exchange revaluation adjustments due to a weak US dollar further increased the external debt stock by about $200 million, the BSP pointed out.

Of the current foreign debts, about 55 percent is denominated in US dollars, 27 percent in Japanese yen, and the rest in 16 other currencies, including Special Drawing Rights. A total of 45.1 percent was borrowed from multilateral institutions, foreign governments and their agencies; 28.7 percent from foreign holders of bonds and notes; and 21.2 percent from banks and other financial institutions.

Through the years, the country's foreign debt stock has been steadily increasing, the increments notably larger a year after the 1997 Asian financial crisis. From about $25 billion during the debt crisis years of the early '80s, it reached $41.87 billion in 1996. By 1997, it had grown to $45.433 billion, and by 1998, to $47.817 billion. A year later, debts exceeded the $50-billion mark at $52.21 billion.

The country's combined foreign and domestic borrowings by government and private groups totaled the equivalent of P2.815 trillion at the end of 2002.

If it is any consolation, the central bank said almost 89 percent of outstanding debts are maturing over the medium and long-term, or roughly in five to more than 10 years. Only 11.5 percent of the total debts will fall due in a year's time.

This year, the country has to settle P425.7 billion in maturing debts. Of this amount, P230.7 billion goes to interests, and P195 billion to principal payment—higher than last year's P185.8 billion for interests, and P172.1 billion for principal payment.

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NBI lost evidence in Nida Blanca case, says lawyer

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice is looking into reports the National Bureau of Investigation has lost a vital document in the case against Rod Lauren Strunk, the principal suspect in the killing of his wife, the actress Nida Blanca.

Former Justice Secretary Harriet Demetriou, the lawyer of Blanca's daughter Kaye Torres, scored the NBI for losing Strunk's letter of undertaking, where he promised to return to the Philippines to face investigation into Blanca's murder.

Strunk had sent the letter to NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco after the former left for the US in January 2002 to see his ailing mother in California.

His mother subsequently died but Strunk refused to return to the Philippines, saying he could not expect to get justice in the country.

Today, Strunk is sitting in a Sacramento, California jail cell, awaiting an extradition trial on the Blanca case.

Demetriou said the NBI's bungling was jeopardizing Strunk's extradition and this could even lead to his release.

US Judge Gregory Hollows, who is hearing the extradition case, had made known his reservations about the strength of the case against Strunk in the Philippines.

Yesterday, Demetriou asked the DOJ what it was going to do about the NBI's negligence.

Justice Undersecretary Merceditas Gutierrez said she would first find out if the NBI did lose Strunk's handwritten undertaking.

When asked if the DOJ was going to reprimand the bureau, Gutierrez said: "We'll see on Monday."

Demetriou said the document was important because it proves that Strunk is a flight risk.

The DOJ needs the evidence, composed of 26 documents, to bolster its case when it formally asks the United States to extradite Strunk.

The evidence includes the English translations of the witnesses' sworn statements, pictures, certifications, videos and investigation reports.

The DOJ has 60 days or until July 11 to furnish the US Justice Department with the evidence against Strunk.

McDonald's employee raps franchisee for sexual harassment

BATANGAS CITY—A woman manager of a McDonald's restaurant in this city has accused the franchise owner's husband of sexually harassing her.

The victim, a 26-year-old mother, has worked at the branch since 2001. Her husband is employed in the same restaurant.

Instead of filing her complaint before the city prosecutor's office, she went directly to Camp Crame in Quezon City.

In a three-page sworn statement filed June 24 before the Women and Children's Complaint Division of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, the manager identified Angel Ababao, "provincial budget officer and owner of McDonald's Batangas City," as her harasser.

"I was very afraid of him," she said. "He is a very influential man in the province and a cousin of former Justice Secretary Nani Perez. He could do anything to bungle the case in Batangas."

She said she was sexually harassed by Ababao on the night of June 16 and the next morning, June 17, inside the restaurant. She stopped coming to work on June 18 and reported the incident to their head office in Bauan City.

"But the HR (human resources) officers there told my husband and I that we should meet with Mr. Ababao's wife Teresita," the complainant said. (They also) gave us explicit orders that we should not take anybody with us. That made us doubt the nature of that meeting. That's why we went directly to Crame."

She said she would file formal charges on Monday.

Ababao told the INQUIRER: "I will answer this in court. But I want to clarify that I don't own the McDonald's store in Batangas City. It belongs to my wife Teresita. And I am not the budget officer of the province. I am the provincial general services officer." *Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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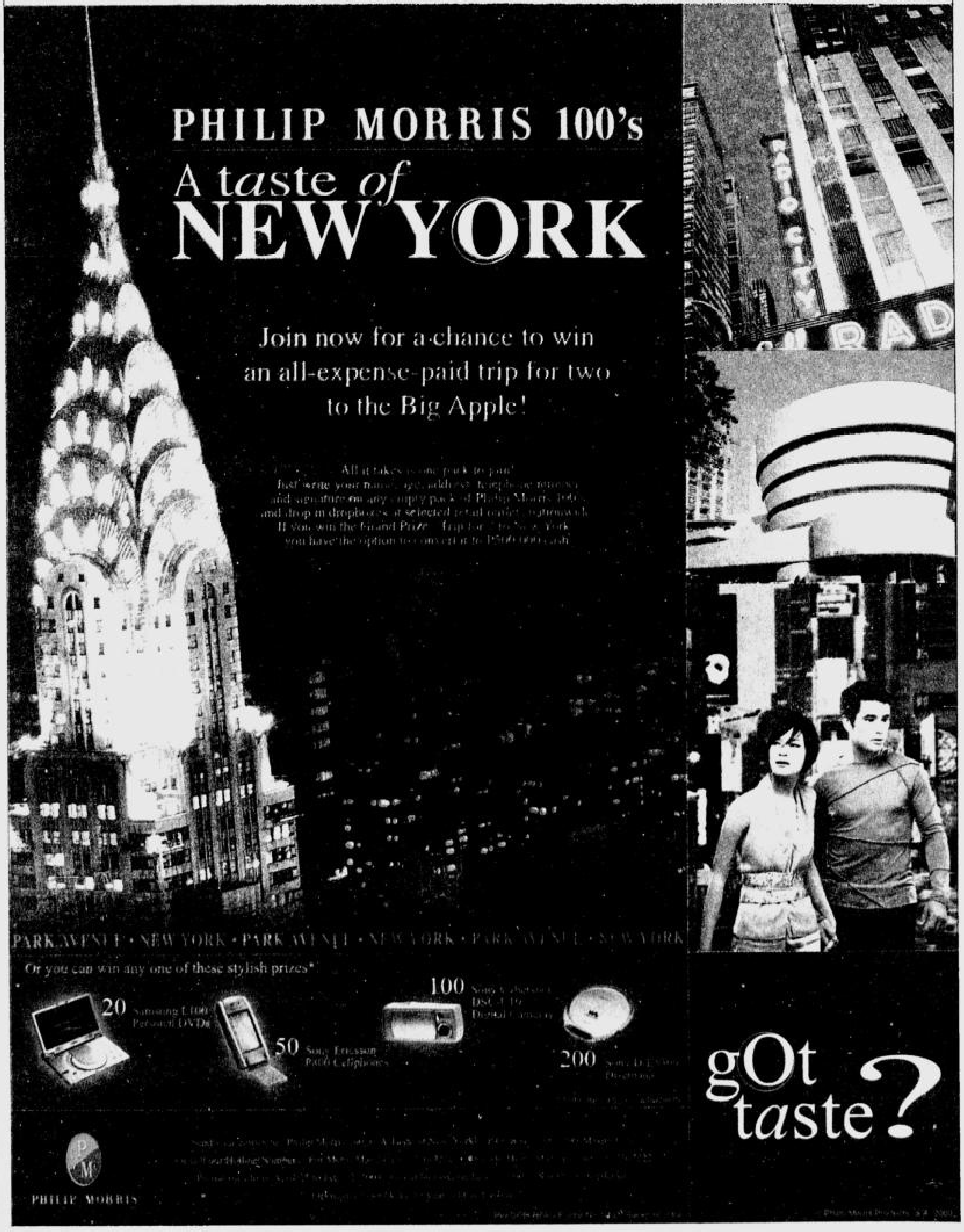
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EDITORIAL

NOW we know what Secretary Norberto Gonzales, the presidential adviser on special concerns, does for a living. He insults the people's intelligence, and gets paid for it.

His startling assertion last Wednesday, that President Macapagal-Arroyo would be willing to resign as the country's chief executive in 2007 if she were elected in 2004, was a desperate attempt to persuade recalcitrant senators to jump on the Charter change bandwagon. He has since heard from some of those senators, and even ex-senators like Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. and Raul Roco, in unmistakable, even hostile terms.

Guingona called it right: the idea was an "irresponsible trial balloon" that Malacañang itself should shoot down. But we think it would be a valuable lesson in good citizenship to examine Gonzales' arguments piece by insulting piece. He may think he can fool some of the people some of the time; not this time.

"Only GMA has the nobility to act as transition president and see to the full shift to a parliamentary form of government midway in her new term," Gonzales said in last week's telephone interview.

The presidential adviser wants us to think nobility of character is defined by the spirit of sacrifice alone. But for most people—that is to say, people whose careers do not depend on their boss staying on in Malacañang— keeping one's word is part of what it means to be noble. If the President reneges on her promise not to contest the May 2004 elections, who can trust her to step down, according to the Gonzales scenario, in 2007?

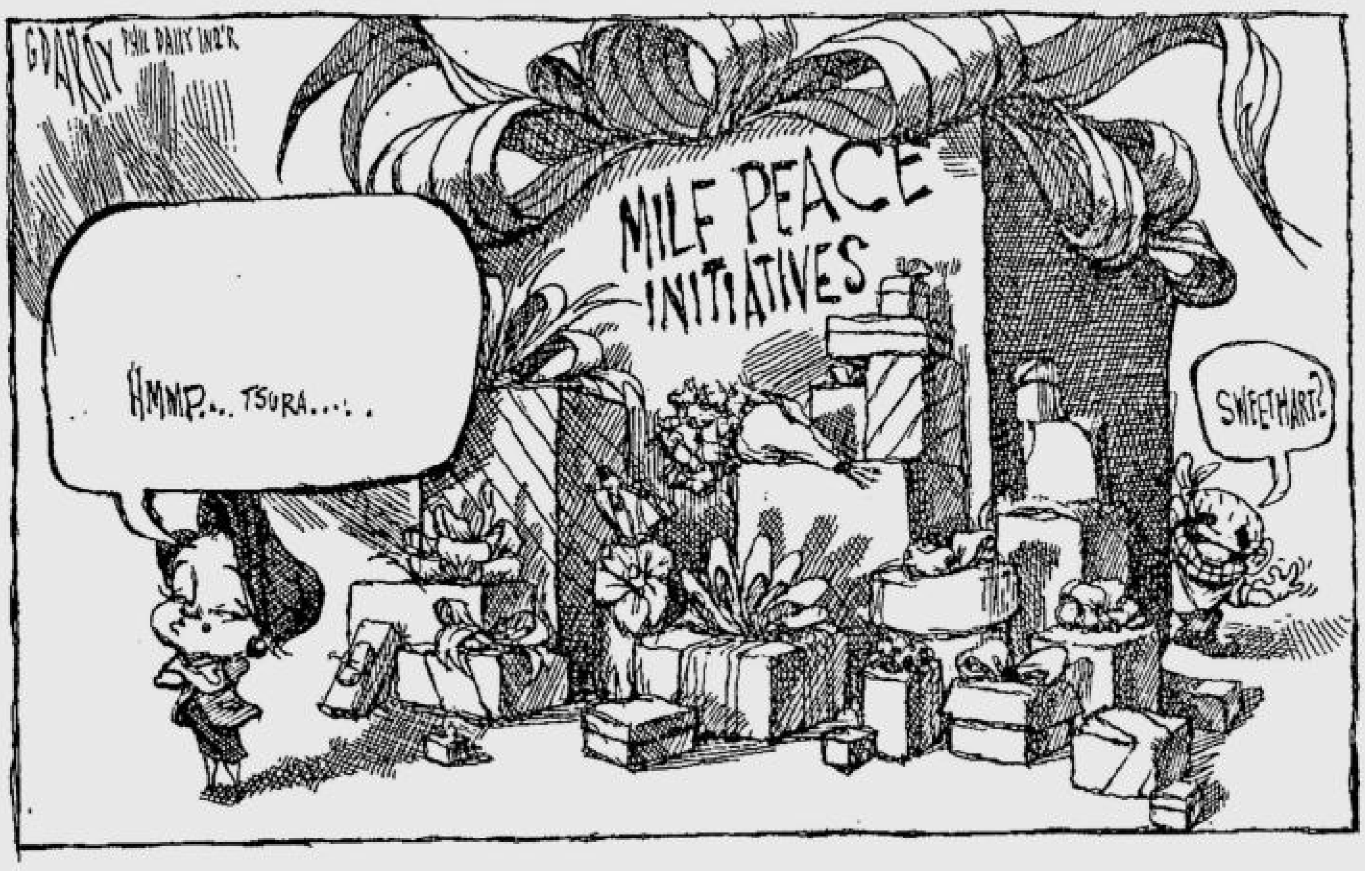
Gonzales, who is currently in the Netherlands in a government bid to resume peace talks with the Communist Party's National Democratic Front, offers a disingenuous answer. "If the President said before that she's not interested in 2004, then that's sufficient indication that she's willing to forgo a full six-year term if she is reelected."

Notice the devious "if" in his premise. There was nothing conditional in what the President said, in her now-famous Rizal Day speech last year; Ms Macapagal did say she was not running. There was nothing conditional about her reason either. Recognizing the fact that because of the circumstances in which she came to power she will always be a divisive figure in politics, she said she would not run in 2004, in an attempt to remove what Speaker Jose de Venecia called the poison in the air. Thus, when the President said she was not running, most people took her promise to mean she was willing to forgo a full six-year term. Period.

"I think the President is willing to give up (half of her term). Anyway, she started as a transition president," Gonzales continued. Perhaps, in shuttling between one set of stalled peace talks (with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front) and another (the underground Left), his own mental wheels have lost traction. With her Dec. 30 speech, President Macapagal finally and fully embraced her historical role as a transition figure—as the "premier figure of People Power II," in the words of Roco, who seeks to succeed her. The President has in fact already defined the terms of her transition presidency. None of them refer to constitutional change.

Now Gonzales says the President must run next year, "because she has not finished her work, including amending the Constitution." We recognize that the Constitution needs amending, but we also remember the President's staunch and consistent refusal to support the Charter change movement. If she had wanted to truly reform the Constitution, would she have issued all those categorical denials since her first month in office? At this late stage, a sudden change of heart can only be understood as an attempt to prolong her stay in office.

Gonzales' arguments are a mish-mash of half-truths, bold assertions, and Orwellian lies. He was self-evidently rationalizing, seeking a justification for a presidential run. That his statements are not plausible even at face value is a scandal. That he fully expected the public to be taken in is an outrage.



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SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

IT must be a source of secret embarrassment to President George W. Bush that he waged war against Iraq to destroy Saddam Hussein and his weapons of mass destruction but has failed in this announced objective. All he has done was destroy Iraq. Saddam is nowhere to be found although the Americans say he is dead, but only presumably. As for the weapons of mass destruction he was supposed to be hiding, they have not been discovered either. Bush says, however, albeit with not much certitude, that they will ultimately be found...

Bush claimed that Saddam was storing those biological and chemical weapons and threatening the peace and security of the world, especially his country. The United Nations ordered verification of that charge but received negative results from its representative, Hans Blix, who headed the inspection team. Given more time over vigorous US objection, Blix continued his search and again came back empty-handed.

The US president was not convinced and chose to rely on his own positive intelligence reports. After all, he had the CIA, the FBI, the Pentagon and other expert and well-funded organizations to spy upon Iraq and conveniently confirm their commander-in-chief's suspicions. Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld backed Dubya unconditionally and began beating the war drums against Iraq. Bush declared with superpower insolence that he would do as he deemed fit regardless of UN prohibition.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who might have known better as an experienced and battle-tested general, was dovish at first but eventually changed his mind and decided to fly with the hawks. He was in sharp contrast with the two Cabinet ministers in the British Parliament who could not agree with Prime Ministers Tony Blair, Bush's closest ally, and resigned in protest, losing their high positions but not their high principles.

Nelson Mandela, that heroic fighter for freedom who was imprisoned for 27 years for resisting the apartheid policy of the South African white rulers, bitingly said that the United States was only interested in Iraq's oil. World sentiment was predominantly against Bush's intentions except the so-called Coalition of the Willing, which included the Philippines. The United Nations, especially, officially disapproved the invasion of Iraq by the combined American, British and Australian forces but revealed its impotence by expressing its anger only with a diplomatic rebuke...

The American president's other excuse, i.e., to liberate the Iraqi people from Saddam's oppression, did not receive enthusiastic backing either. The widespread feeling, and not only from lawyers but from the world in general, was that Saddam's "evil regime," as Bush called it, was an internal matter for the Iraqis themselves to solve without the intervention of any foreign state. Even as the only superpower in this planet today, the United States should not intervene as the professed policeman of the world, to the detriment of national sovereignties and the right of self-determination.

If the United States is invoking its moral responsibility to preserve democracy and suppress tyranny, why has it allowed dictatorships to thrive in many other parts of the world without lifting a finger to help their oppressed peoples? Why Iraq only? Why did it simply fold its arms as it watched the debasement and despoliation of the Philippines for 13 long years even as then Vice President George Bush, the current president's father, praised Ferdinand Marcos for his "adherence to democratic principles"? In fact, the American forces in this country rescued Marcos from our people's wrath and flew him out of harm's way to his haven in Honolulu. The United States has looked the other way from the oppressions being imposed in other countries—except Iraq.

Saddam is nowhere to be found; perhaps he is dead but then again he may have escaped to some sympathetic territory and may appear again some day like a bad coin. The smart rockets unleashed against him may not have been smart enough and the US intelligence agents have not been intelligent enough to locate and punish the deposed strongman. Even his equally evil sons, Uday and Qusay, have vanished and are probably thumbing their noses at the failed invaders. The United States is not even sure of the gratitude of the Iraqi people, who manifested their new-found freedom with widespread looting and sporadic attacks against the occupation forces.

The attitude and conduct of the United States as the supposed political and moral leader of the world bodes ill for the future of mankind. We may be coming back to the days of the Roman Empire, where only its citizens shared it grandeur and excesses and all conquered aliens were its vassals. Rome did not cure all the ills of the world then, and neither will America now, which is superior to Rome in arrogance and power. And even as Rome had its mad Nero, so has the United States now its Dubya with his high pretensions and low IQ.

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Question: Why is Jesus happy?
Answer: Because Messiah (*masaya*) *siya!*

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 16, 13-19), Jesus asks the question, "Who do you people say that I am?" Peter replies: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." This was Peter's personal profession of faith.

Jesus is a lot of things to many people. Today, this moment, Jesus asks you: "Who am I to you?" ***Sino nga ba ako para sa iyo?***

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St. Peter and St. Paul were two men who strongly professed their faith in Jesus Christ. These two men are the pillars of the Church. These two had different backgrounds, different characters, different methods and different roles, but they steered the early Church to grow into what it is now.

It is amazing how God uses all kinds of people to do His work here on earth. He often uses those who are not worthy by worldly standards. None of us is indispensable to God's work. The truth of the matter is that God often works not so much because of us, but, in spite of us. This should make us grateful to Him for choosing us, humble to those whom we serve and open to our co-workers.

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The Church is buffeted by strong winds again these days. There have been bigger storms, but the Church has survived, and will survive because of Jesus' promise that "the gates of the nether world shall not prevail against it." Through the years, the Church has been manned by unworthy, even inefficient captains and crew, but it has survived, and by God's grace, it remained on course.

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If the Church were a sailboat, Paul would be the sail and Peter would be the boat. Paul was the "liberal" who, according to Fr. Rudy Horst, SVD, was the one who "adapted, expanded and amplified the Gospel to the needs of the various communities he founded or visited," while Peter was the "conservative" who conserved and administered the Church. Paul was the navigator, charting new directions, while Peter was the captain who steered the ship. Without the sail, the ship would not have moved on. Without the ship, the sail would have just gotten blown away by the wind.

And so it is that today, within the Church itself, we have sail people and boat people, all working and praying together as we sail on to broader and newer horizons.

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We in the boat must continue to sail together. We must be a united community. But now more than ever the boat is open for all. We also must be a reaching-out community, ever welcoming, ever sharing the Good News of the Father's love in His Son Jesus Christ. Recent events that have "rocked the boat" must make us more humble and more prayerful. No matter what happens, we must not abandon the boat.

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There are four sails that we, the laity and especially the clergy, need to put out in the Church these days. The first is the Honesty Sail. We must go back to basic honesty and transparency. We have too many hidden "skeletons in the closets," and too much "dirt swept under the rug." If we are honest, there is hope that the Church will not become irrelevant. People can accept woundedness but not dishonesty.

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The second sail is the Humility Sail. We all need to learn simplicity and humble service once again. Many of us have become exclusive, imposing and arrogant. We need to recapture the spirit of the early Church and the humble spirit of St. Francis of Assisi once again.

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The third sail is the Hard Work Sail. Some of us have become too complacent and comfortable. We have taken the easy road of compromise and being "*dead-ma*." Yes, many of us are hardly working. We need to capture the spirit of Mother Teresa who labored with so much zeal and love.

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The fourth sail is the Holiness Sail. Unless we pray again, we all could end up as "noisy gongs and clanging cymbals." Without prayer, we become mere functionaries or activists without a Master. Or just plain scheming businessmen. We need to imbibe Padre Pio's love for the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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More biblical trivia:
Question: When was the first plane ride of the Holy Family?
Answer: On their flight to Egypt.
Question: Who was the pilot?
Answer: *E, di...si* Pontius Pilot!

This brings us to the extra sail we need in the Church these days, the Humor Sail. We need a crew that is hospitable, respectful and joyful. We need people who sacrifice with a smile, and who give us hope, people who immerse themselves in the problems of this world, but who are able to lift us up and bring us to newer and brighter sights!

Yes, let's put up these sails, and let's sail on.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, instill in us honesty, humility, hard work, holiness and humor as we sail on. Amen.

‘Those daring young men in their flying machines’

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

THIS year marks the centenary of the first flight in a heavier-than-air machine. It was on Dec. 17, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, that Wilbur Wright and his kid brother, Orville, made their maiden flights in a machine equipped with a motor to ensure that it would remain aloft on its own power. Orville made the first flight of 120 feet, and Wilbur had the longest, covering 852 feet in 59 seconds.

The Wright brothers were actually from Ohio, sons of a bishop of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. During their childhood years, an interest in aerodynamics was fueled by a toy helicopter powered by rubber bands and soon after, they took to doing research on gliding. By studying wind records at the US Weather Bureau, they discovered that Kitty Hawk was one of the breeziest places in the country and it was here that they decided to carry out gliding experiments in line with earlier studies.

According to various accounts, the brothers were hard-working, driven, stubborn and suspicious and, probably most important of all, bold and brave. How else could anyone attempt to tame the unforgiving skies? They were also obsessed with their work. Neither had any interest in women and were not inclined to make friends outside their immediate circle of family and close relatives. The brothers never married and when their only sister, Katherine, took up a husband, they were greatly disappointed and refused to deal with her in any manner afterwards.

In 1908, the Wright brothers closed a contract with the US War Department for the first army plane, and started training pilots in the use of the machines. When Wilbur was once asked what his invention was good for, he bluntly answered, "War." But little did he expect that his machine would someday serve as a deadly vehicle for delivering weapons of mass destruction.

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On Wednesday, Lt. Gen. Nestor R. Santillan leads the Philippine Air Force in commemorating the 56th anniversary of the nation's youngest major service command. The Army goes back to March 1897, making it 106 years old while the Navy last May marked its 105th anniversary. The Air Force is not only the youngest; in terms of personnel strength, it is also the smallest. But this is mainly because it has more stringent requirements as compared to the other services. And as the saying goes, "Precious things come in small packages."

Santillan, a bemedalled transport pilot with a reputation as a quiet achiever, recently returned from the United States where he was installed in the Air University Hall of Fame at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. This signal honor is given to outstanding graduates who have distinguished themselves in the course of their military careers.

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Perhaps we should remind our people that for many years up to 1989, the Air Force celebrated its foundation day on May 2, a day in 1936 which marked the first local test flight of a Stearman biplane by Lt. William Lee of the Philippine Army Air Corps. For that successful mission, Lee was dubbed by many as the "Father of the Philippine Air Force."

In May 1986, a few months after the Edsa I revolution, the Air Force under my command, celebrated its golden anniversary (1936-1986). We had a new president and hopes were high for a new beginning for the country. After several dormant years, we brought back, in a blaze of glory, the famed Blue Diamonds aerial acrobatic team, this time headed by Lt. Col. Ricardo Faustino. The six-plane formation thrilled the Villamor audience with a dazzling display of precision airmanship which once more warmed the hearts of its loyal fans. It was our way of rekindling pride in the organization and paying tribute to those "daring young men in their flying machines" who risked everything for nation and people.

Three years later, President Aquino would sign Presidential Proclamation No. 397 designating July 1 as Air Force Day. It was on July 1, 1947 that the old Philippine Army Air Corps was redesignated as the Philippine Air Force and raised to a major service command.

But even as she had set a new foundation day for the Air Force, the President was not available for a July 1st celebration and so it was on the following day, July 2nd that actual ceremonies were held. And strange as it may seem, for many years, Air Force Day was commemorated on July 2 due mainly to the unavailability of the Commander in Chief on July 1. This year is no different from the rest.

As a result of this change, the Air Force observed, for a second time, its golden anniversary. This was in 1997 during the incumbency of Lt. Gen. William Hotchkiss III (1947-1997).

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This year the Air Force continues to salute "its daring young men in their flying machines," with Gold Cross medals going to Lt. Col. Romeo Poquiz for gallantry in action in pursuit operations against communist terrorists in Barangay Look, Nasugbu, Batangas; to Lt. Joycelyn Patrimonio for gallantry in action as pilot of an MD 520 aircraft conducting close air support missions in Pikit, North Cotabato, and the Liguasan marsh; and the Distinguished Aviation Cross Medal to Capt. James Acosta, for heroism as pilot of an OV-10 "Bronco" aircraft in strike operations against Abu Sayyaf and Misuari renegade elements in Mt. Tumatangis, Sulu.

Other personnel in non-flying roles will receive due recognition, with Maj. Dominador Lim Jr. being cited for intelligence efforts in the anti-drug campaign, and Staff Sgt. Bobby Bonoan for heroism during the conduct of fire-fighting activities.

Finding family

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WAITING to be fetched at the San Francisco airport upon my arrival, I passed the time observing the welcome "rituals" of greeters waiting for friends, loved ones and family members to emerge from the customs and immigration areas.

A young woman clutching the huge plastic envelope that marks the arriving immigrant, was swept up in the arms of a white man, who stood out from the crowd of mostly Pinoy greeters because he held a bouquet in his arms. Onlookers cheered as the amorous couple kissed and embraced, but what really warmed my heart was the sight of the man's companions, obviously his parents and perhaps a brother, who also greeted the arrival warmly, with the mother handing the Pinay a gift bag with a welcome token. I blessed the American family silently, wishing the new couple, with all the challenges they face as a bi-cultural pair, all the luck and fortune they will need.

Before boarding the PAL plane in Manila, I espied a large number of elderly folk lined up at the gate, forming a phalanx of wheelchairs as they waited to be wheeled to their seats. In San Francisco, shortly after the re-united couple left, the old folks were wheeled out all together, and at once the crowd straining at the metal barrier spontaneously applauded, cheered and cried out lolo's or lola's name. Some greeters were so eager they ignored the barrier and rushed for the line of wheelchairs, until an attendant had to shout and hold out a restraining hand. "Wait!" she barked, "We will wheel them out to you!"

Amid the pandemonium, I sat in my corner and reflected on the amazing durability of good old Filipino family values, at the enduring ties of filial love and respect that manage to survive even distance and immersion in an alien culture. How lucky these lolos and lolas were! And how lucky, too, were their children, who came with their Fil-American progeny who had to be prompted to kiss the hand of the arriving elders, to be at the receiving end of the old folks' wisdom and store of memories.

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TO BE Pinoy in the West Coast is to belong to a small nation, indistinguishable perhaps from the rest of the community (not for nothing are Fil-Ams called an "invisible minority" in the United States), but distinct in culture and relations just the same.

One weekend, my friend Maloy, her husband Vic and their son Vince fetch me from my hotel and bring me to Coyote Park where they've been invited to the birthday picnic of the daughter of family friends.

On the way to the party site, we pass a Latino family holding a party, their area demarcated by colorful buntings and even a Mariachi band in costume. When we finally find our hosts, we are greeted warmly, though chided for our lateness. And though I am a stranger, I am embraced gladly into the fold. I find a multi-generational gathering, presided over by the 90-year-old matriarch, and a tight community of relatives and neighbors who eagerly discuss local (that is, Filipino) political and show-biz *chismis* over games of mahjong, cards and even touch ball.

I feel like I'm back home in a family reunion, only the air is chilly in the shade, and airplanes flying out of San Francisco International hover in the clear sky.

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THE NEXT day, Sunday, I get the chance to take part for real in a family reunion.

My cousin Buddy is hosting in his San Bruno home a meeting of the officers of the Alaminos, Pangasinan Association of Northern California. Most of the officers turn out to be my relatives, or else good friends of my parents or older siblings. Our greetings are punctuated with anecdotes about them, and with queries about people back home.

Though Mila, Buddy's wife, has prepared a salad, roast beef and pancit, every visitor brings a dish to add to the banquet. I pounce upon the carioca, rice balls fried in syrup, that is a rarity these days even in Manila.

I come away with news: Mila has been chosen president of the Northern California chapter of the association of medical technicians and a major project of hers are six-weekend training sessions for newly arrived Pinoy med techs so they can be speedily licensed, such is the growing demand for them.

My aunt, Flor Castelo, a retired nurse, is to be honored for founding the Northern California chapter of the UP Nursing Alumni Association. Another cousin has just been named to the citizens' advisory board of the San Francisco Transport Authority.

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AT THE END of my fellowship, the same group hosts a brunch in my honor. This time, more cousins show up, familiar figures from my childhood as well as cousins I was meeting for the first time.

One of these new cousin-friends is Lilibeth Castelo, Tita Flor's daughter, who volunteers to show me around San Francisco and environs. I end up enthralled not just by the sights that Lilibeth's "hidden San Francisco" tour provides, including a visit to the Cantor Art Museum in Stanford University, but also by Lilibeth's own story and example.

Though paralyzed by a fall some years ago, Lilibeth has regained the use of her arms and can now stand unaided. And though dependent on a wheelchair to move about, she is mobile, having learned to drive after her mishap.

Taking advantage of opportunities handed to her as, she jokes, "a woman of color who is also disabled," she has earned degrees in language and organizational psychology and is now preparing to apply for entrance to the Stanford law school.

Over coffee at the museum's outdoor café, we bask in the sunshine and trade lively conversation on our passions and causes. The last thing I had expected from the visit was to find a new friend who happens to be kin, who inspires as well as reassures that we Pinoys are indeed a remarkable family.

Our children's TV idols

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

AS a first-time grandfather, I read the results of the National Survey on Children's Current TV Preferences conducted by the Southeast Asian Foundation for Children's Television with great interest and urgency. My granddaughter Julia is two-and-a-half-years old. At her age, she watches an average of four hours of television per day. This distresses me no end.

I have become familiar with the day programming of Philippine television because of her. What I have seen over the past year has not been very encouraging. Compared to about 20 years ago, when my own children were still kids, TV programming for Filipino children today is a desert.

Dubbed the "Anak TV Youth Vote," the survey was essentially a popularity vote conducted nationwide among 334,078 randomly-chosen Filipino youths (193,646 "kids" aged 6 to 12, and 140,432 "teens" aged 13-18). The votes were tabulated according to gender, age bracket, region, and even province. The kids came up with 578 names for their favorite male TV star, and 463 for their favorite female star, showing a rather broad range of choices. But their top five preferences for male TV star were Jericho Rosales, Dingdong Dantes, Robin Padilla, John Pratts and Aga Muhlach. For favorite female star, the top picks were Kristine Hermosa, Claudine Barreto, Jolina Magdangal, Judy Ann Santos and Tanya Garcia.

The study tallied only the votes for Filipino stars, programs and TV ads. I suppose there were a number of foreign choices too, but these were not tabulated. This is an important datum because it could give us an idea of the comparative influence of foreign programs and commercials on our young viewers. This item assumes greater significance in view of the recent phenomenal reception given to "Meteor Garden," the Taiwanese teenage telenovela that features the exploits and turbulent personal lives of rich, spoiled kids.

The vote was conducted within a one-week period in October 2002. The results were released only the other day. Eight months is a long time in the television industry. The names we have here mirror the TV fare for a very specific period. We cannot be certain if these top favorites are still valid today. Nevertheless, what can we glean from these results?

It is quite obvious that Filipino kids are hooked on the so-called "teleseryes" and noontime shows that the rest of the family watches. The top 3 favorite TV programs of Filipino kids nationwide are not meant for children: "Bituin," "Sana ay Ikaw na Nga," and "Masayang Tanghali Bayan." These programs routinely feature content not suitable to children. Two of the main hosts of "MTB," a two-hour daily noontime show, were recently suspended for obscene language and behavior on camera. "Wansapanataym" and "Sineskwela," the children's programs, are a distant fourth and fifth.

The top three TV male idols of our children, ages 6-12, are Jericho Rosales, Dingdong Dantes and Robin Padilla. Not one of them appears in a children's show. Jericho and Dingdong both star in early evening telenovelas aimed at mature audiences, while Robin made a name for himself as a young toughie in the movies and in real life, a rebel without a cause. No actor or character from any educational or children's show appears on the top 10 list of favorite male TV stars.

The same thing is true for the top TV female idols. Our children's choices are: Kristine Hermosa, Claudine Barreto and Jolina Magdangal. Again, the names of Kristine and Claudine are synonymous with Filipino teledrama. Not one of the three is associated with children's programs.

I wasn't sure what to make of these choices because I do not watch their programs. The study did not explore the reasons for these preferences. Neither was any information gathered on the images that young respondents associated with them. So I decided to hold a small discussion with the people in my house, including my daughters, the house help, and the 10-year-old and 5-year-old children of one of our house help. Their pointed descriptions of the TV personalities most admired by our young people were startling in their unanimity.

The adjectives they used to refer to these idols—e.g., "wholesome," "*sosyal*," "*inglisera*," "*maputi*," "*tisoy*," "*guwapo*," "macho," "cute," "*mahinhin*," "*palatawa*," "*mabait*," "*palaban*," "sexy," "good actress"—placed a high value on good looks (usually associated with fair skin), good physique, wealth, social skills, talent, sense of humor and personal charisma. While I did not find any of these choices particularly disturbing from the standpoint of personal example, some may point to the choice of Robin Padilla as problematic on account of his jail record and early image as "*barumbado*." But I wonder how many of these stars stood out for the kids as icons of integrity, intelligence, personal discipline and social responsibility.

My personal sense of the situation we face today tells me that the TV industry in our country has betrayed the interests of the Filipino child by packing those viewing hours that in other societies are reserved for children's programs with a torrential supply of mindless shows and telenovelas meant for more mature audiences. It has also violated these interests by a sin of omission—by failing to support the production of innovative children's programs that purposely reflect the best values and traits of our culture.

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To exploit or protect?

COMMENTARY

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IN THE JUNE 14 edition of "Magandang Gabi Bayan," Sen. Noli de Castro brought to national attention our grave concern that Samar's ecology, already much abused but still host to one of the world's richest flora and fauna, is again being threatened by miners. Two companies are planning to mine bauxite in a 12,000-hectare area that encroaches upon a forest reservation.

When asked to comment on the report that mining was being planned in the area, Director Horacio C. Ramos of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau said, "Exploration *lang iyon.*" He added that it's up to the President or even Congress to decide whether to allow mining to proceed.

Ramos was not telling the truth. As early as Dec. 5, 2002, Environment Secretary Heherson T. Alvarez had already signed Mineral Production Sharing Agreements with Bauxite Resources Inc. and Alumina Mining Philippines Inc. And Ramos himself signed a certification that the agreements had been registered with his office on May 7, 2003.

An MPSA grants the right to mine, and it is awarded by the environment secretary, not the President or Congress.

Suddenly, our concern for our ecology turned into distress. It was already disturbing that Alvarez signed the MPSAs shortly before his resignation from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources took effect on Dec. 15, 2002. The MGB director added insult to injury by lying about it on national television.

Was Ramos' deceptive statement meant to avoid controversy? Or was it the inevitable outcome of conflicting mandates coming from a schizophrenic national government?

President Macapagal-Arroyo has declared a policy shift on mining operations from tolerance to promotion and it is the MGB that has to carry out this mandate. On the other hand, the DENR also has the mandate to protect the environment, a responsibility that is vested in the Forest Management Bureau and the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau.

What is happening in Samar highlights a contradiction of national policies that begs for urgent resolution. The MGB's basis for promoting mining in Samar is a presidential proclamation (No. 1615) signed by Ferdinand E. Marcos on Feb. 4, 1977 declaring 296,683 hectares in Samar as a mineral reservation. The FMB and PAWB's basis for protecting Samar's ecology is another proclamation (No. 744), signed by Fidel V. Ramos on. Feb. 20, 1996, declaring 360,000 hectares as the Samar Forest Reserve.

Five of the eight parcels of the mineral reservation fall within the forest reserve.

The Philippine Mining Act of 1995 prohibits the issuance of MPSAs in virgin forests, watersheds, forest reserves and national parks, among other areas. Most of the areas covered by the two MPSAs signed by Alvarez are virgin forests, watersheds and a forest reserve.

The law also requires the MGB to secure a clearance from the FMB and PAWB for areas proposed to be mined. Did the MGB get such a clearance before approving the two MPSAs? If it did not, the MGB broke the law. And if the FMB and PAWB chose to look the other way, then they violated their mandate.

The contradictions do not end there.

One of the first acts of Alvarez as environment secretary was to cancel, on July 16, 2001, an MPSA in Mindoro Oriental "for the reason that the area it covers falls within an important watershed area." One of his last acts was to approve two MPSAs covering virgin forests, watersheds and a forest reserve in Samar.

On March 11, 2003, Alvarez's successor at the DENR, Secretary Elisea G. Gozun, recommended to the President the proclamation of a 333,300-hectare protected area in Samar, to be known as the Samar Island Natural Park (SINP). The areas approved for mining by Gozun's predecessor fall within the proposed protected area.

On May 8, 2002, Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso of Leyte's 3rd District, House environment committee chair, and the five congressmen from Samar Island filed House Bill 4764 to establish the SINP. But in his interview on "Magandang Gabi Bayan," Veloso practically endorsed mining inside the proposed protected area saying that the proposed bauxite mining reservation area would cover "only about one-fourth of the total land area of the entire three provinces of Samar."

The irony is that Veloso presumed to talk about something that will affect the health and well-being of people in neighboring provinces, not his own. Another irony is that not a peep of protest has been heard from Samar's five congressmen.

According to pro-mining advocates, Samar Island has the biggest deposit of high-grade bauxite in the country estimated to be worth $21 billion.

Of course, mining will create some employment, but this cannot be very substantial because such an operation is bound to have to be highly mechanized. It will earn for the national government excise taxes and royalties, but local governments will receive "occupation fees" amounting to P100 per hectare! That's all.

According to Marcelino V. Dalmacio, Ph.D., chief technical adviser of the United Nations Development Program-funded Samar Island Biodiversity Project, extracting such wealth would permanently damage at least 25 major river systems on the island. The economic damage to the inland waters alone, over the 25-year period allowed by the MPSAs, would reach $24 billion. This estimate does not include the damage that will be wreaked upon the forests, farmlands and fishing grounds from which most Samarnons derive their livelihood.

Indeed, the contradiction of national policies mandating protection of our environment and those encouraging the exploiting of our natural resources should now be resolved. And I would urge our policymakers to resolve it in favor of protecting the environment.

If the national government wants to promote investments in Samar, let it be in enterprises that are sustainable and that will benefit Samarnons, most of whom are poor and dependent on its forests, farmlands and fishing grounds.

The coastal waters on the Pacific side of the island is part of the fabled "Tuna Highway." Samar Sea on the northwest is one of the richest fishing grounds in the country. Maqueda Bay in the southwest is one of Asia's richest breeding grounds for high-value marine species now in great demand worldwide. All the 25 river systems in Samar that would be polluted by mining operations flow into these waters.

Stakeholders have rejected mining operations in Samar. The provincial chapters of the League of Municipalities, the bishops and the parish priests of the three Samar provinces, and the Eastern Visayas Regional Development Council have urged the President and Congress to establish the SINP so that mining would be completely prohibited in its forests and watersheds.

A multi-sectoral forum on the environment in Samar adopted a theme that captures our distress: "Samar: Pulong Buenas, Logging Minamalas."

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How would you solve the drug problem?

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THE GOVERNMENT'S renewed anti-drug war is off to a controversial start, raising questions about human rights, turf war and political maneuvering for the 2004 elections.

By giving the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency three months to achieve "strategic results," President Macapagal-Arroyo has drawn the public's attention to the bloody three-month anti-drug campaign of Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Thaksin's campaign, which ended on April 30, led to the arrest of some 17,000 drug dealers and the surrender of 280,000 users, who were sent to rehabilitation centers. But the campaign also resulted in extra-judicial killings.

By boasting that the P1 billion she was setting aside for the PDEA was bigger than the amount Thaksin had spent for his anti-drug campaign, Ms Macapagal may be saying that her version could achieve more.

Besides the President's reference to the Thai model, her decision to tap administration Sen. Robert Barbers and former Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim, former Manila policemen known for their tough stance on drug syndicates, raised fears of human rights violations. Their participation in the campaign has also led to bickering over who should lead the anti-drug war.

The launching of the campaign may also be part of the political maneuvering for the coming presidential election. Barbers is known to be eyeing the vice presidency, while Ms Macapagal is being pushed by her supporters to break her vow not to stand for election in May. A "successful" anti-drug war could boost their ratings.

'Restore death by firing squad'

THE TRUTH is, I am happy with the killing of drug pushers in the city. Because of this, the drug problem has somehow been minimized. Many really want to solve the problem by killing the pushers.—***Divina Mangubat****, housewife, Davao City*

If only honest policemen are willing to do it, I can point to them those I know who are into the drug trade, provided they immediately shoot the pushers dead. They can do that if they are really serious about solving the problem.—***Dije Gurung****, IT student, Maddela, Quirino*

Kill the drug lords.—***Renato Perez****, mayor, Lobo, Batangas*

The drug suppliers and pushers must be eliminated.—***Rudy Galang****, unemployed, Mabalacat, Pampanga*

Restore death by firing squad. Execution should be carried out one hour after the conviction.—***Capt. Alejandro Flora****, Coast Guard commander for Southern Tagalog*

Use an iron hand like the Thai method. Kill the dealers and the pushers.—***Nicetas Katy Katigbak****, former Army colonel, Lipa City.*

Warn pushers to stop their drug trade. If they persist, arrest and charge them in court. But experience shows that most of the suspects are released from detention only to continue with their illegal activity. That's why I support Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte's tough stance against drug dealers which some rights groups denounce as inhuman, despite its effectiveness.—***Rodolfo Maglalang****, barangay chair, Rosary Heights 5, Cotabato City*

Vigilantes are the answer. Drug lords even have connections inside the Philippine National Police.—***Ka Neal****, Red Vigilante Group, Nueva Ecija*

'Replace all policemen'

REPLACE all the policemen with recruits. In my barangay (Dau) alone, notorious drug pushers freely roam around because they know that policemen will not bother them. Once arrested, all the drug pushers have to do is give money, scooter or anything to the arresting officers and they are set free.—***David de Leon****, driver, Mabalacat, Pampanga*

I was jailed for theft because I turned to stealing to buy drugs. When I was released two years ago, I cursed illegal drugs and avoided them like the plague. I would have been dead had it not been for my faith in God. People like me should be reported to authorities, but I know that many policemen are involved in illegal drugs. It's hard to trust them.—***Mark Romer Eleogo****, sales clerk, former drug pusher and user, Malolos, Bulacan*

Clean up the police because many policemen use drugs so they can stay awake for night duties. They cannot solve the illegal drug problem if they are into it.

Make covert operations and refrain from doing a media blitz at the height of the operations because other members of the gang could run away. How to catch the big fish? Use the small fish in identifying drug lords. For all we know, some local officials are into it. Also, involve religious leaders in the campaign against illegal drugs—priests for Catholics and imam or ustadz for Muslims. They wield influence in their respective communities. And employ the services of village officials and raise bigger reward money for tipsters.—***Carlos****, a former drug addict*

Many policemen and judges are not worthy of trust. I can't think of any solution. I feel helpless but I know drug use and trading must be stopped because many young people are the victims.—***Jimmy****, jeepney driver, Angeles City*

Sincerity on the part of the government, especially our law enforcers.—***Alex Bucay****, Allied Bank, Legazpi City*

First, let's clean our ranks. How can we conduct an intensified campaign against illegal drugs when we have a lot of personnel involved in this illegal activity?—***Lt. Col. Agane Adriatico****, chief of Civil Relations Group for Southeastern Mindanao.*

'Break the culture of silence'

I'LL help break the culture of silence by reporting anyone in the neighborhood pushing and using illegal drugs.—***Charito de los Reyes****, university professor, Baguio*

I would report to the police or barangay tanod those who are suspected of using illegal drugs in our village. I support the move to impose stiffer penalties on drug traders.—***Ronald Doble****, college student, City of San Fernando*

I would cooperate with the government's anti-drug campaign by giving policemen and barangay officials information that would lead to the arrest of drug pushers and addicts.—***Ilyn Gutierrez****, store owner, Olongapo*

Create a vigilant community or a barangay-based anti-drug group. Anyone involved in drugs will be arrested, charged in court and prosecuted. Community members will act as witnesses. —***Romeo Sagario****, government employee, Delfin Albano, Isabela*

The government should seriously go after drug pushers and drug lords as well as their protectors who are mostly police and military officials and some politicians. The government should also conduct a series of seminars to inform the residents, especially the youth, in the barangays about the ill effects of substance abuse. With increased level of awareness, the community can be motivated to help the government address the drug problem.—***Lorelie Dingcong****, housekeeper, Cebu City*

The people should help our officials catch drug users and pushers because if the problem continues, our children will suffer.—***Rosario Alvares****, encoder, Bacolod City*

People in the community should report to authorities drug users so that they may be given help. They could be given counseling in order that they could seek rehabilitation voluntarily. The government should make available trained counselors from agencies responsible for helping drug users. The government should also help provide the youth worthwhile activities to keep them away from drugs.—***Agnes Españo-Dimzon****, NGO worker, Leganes, Iloilo*

'Help users quit, earn livelihood'

I WILL help the people I know who are into drugs to change by teaching them how to cut and style hair. They will earn and will be entertained. Drugs are useless. They destroy lives and make one lose beauty. Substance abuse is a scourge.—***George Sevilla****, beauty parlor owner, Bulacan, Bulacan*

As long as people don't have decent jobs and opportunities for a better life, there will always be drug peddlers, financiers and users. It is a symptom, not a disease.—***Jun Alano****, councilor, Balayan, Batangas*

The drug problem is primarily due to poverty. A bigger income can be derived from drug trafficking. We can stop or minimize the problem by becoming socio-economically stable.—***Brahim Andamin****, regional director, Forest Management Bureau-ARMM, Cotabato City*

To solve the drug problem, the government should address first the problem of unemployment. Many are forced to sell drugs because they cannot find jobs. Selling drugs is easy money. I hope the government will conduct compulsory drug test among barangay tanods and officials. Those found positive for drug use should be meted out sanctions like dismissal from service.—***Pepe Bacalla****, carpenter, Mandaue*

'Keep youth busy'

THE BEST way to solve the problem is to keep everyone busy. I will encourage the youth to participate in community projects or social activities so that their attention can be diverted to more useful things.—***Cresly Ann Senadrin****, webmaster, Zambales*

We should involve the youth in sports programs. Arrest the drug pushers.—***Jocelyn Tudayan****, midwife, Candon City*

I don't know. Maybe I'll just join beauty contests *para ma*-divert *ang* attention! —***Jasmin Oñate****, former Ms Balayan, Batangas*

The drug problem affects mostly our young. Thus, I have organized activities to divert their attention. These activities are mostly sports-related. I have also formed peer-counseling groups, in which the ill effects of taking illegal drugs are thoroughly discussed, and of course, discouraged. The provincial government under my stewardship is set to build a rehabilitation center, which could initially accommodate about 25 patients. Most probably, the center can start its operations by next month or early August. —***Remedios Petilla****, governor, Leyte*

'Include campaign in curriculum'

SINCE most of the victims and targets of drug peddlers are the youth, it's much better if the government focuses the campaign on our students. It should be integrated in the curriculum, and the advocacy should go down to the community level.—***Lemuel Belaro****, municipal employee, Sto. Domingo, Albay*

Include in the curriculum subjects on the effects of prohibited drugs. There's no substitute for an individual who knows about drugs and their harmful effects on everyone who are hooked on them. Drug addiction incidence is high among high school and college students. The menace should be stopped where it usually starts.—***Ernesto Villanueva****, high school teacher, Cotabato City*

I would push for strict and honest-to-goodness law enforcement and massive information drive under which all government and non-government agencies are enlisted especially the religious sector. The drive should include gateway drugs like cigarettes and alcohol. But spiritual rebirth should be the aim of the drive to ensure lasting effect.—***Rev. Simplicio Dang-awan****, senior pastor, UCCP, Baguio*

Teachers must talk to parents if they see something wrong with their students. My drug addict sons said they first learned to use marijuana from their peers or classmates. And they can now openly sell shabu in school. Worse, my sons told me that even their teachers are shabu users. So I support the idea of subjecting all students to a drug test. We should also subject teachers, policemen and government officials to a drug test. They must be fired if they are found positive.—***Cristy Mantis****, businesswoman, Cotabato City*

The illegal drug problem in my barangay is not that alarming. Nevertheless, I am doing some measures to combat the problem. For one, I have directed all my tanods to be extra vigilant and report to me any suspicious-looking individuals loitering in the barangay. Also, we have implemented curfew for minors from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. We also make it a point to conduct seminars on anti-drugs for the youth.—***Natividad Morabe****, barangay chair of 6-A, Tacloban City*

'I won't use illegal substances'

I DON'T know if there's still a solution to it. I doubt if the government is serious in curbing the problem. Maybe the campaign is just part of the government's political agenda. But, as for me, I can contribute to the campaign by not using illegal substances.—***Babes Madrideo****, student, Legazpi City*

On a personal level, I can help by not being part of the problem. Thus, I can serve as an example to others.—***Reigh Aquino****, mechanical engineer, La Trinidad, Benguet*

As a law enforcement officer and an accredited Dangerous Drugs Board physician, I can conduct lectures on the bad effects of addiction. I can also help provide necessary intelligence information.—***Dr. Ronald Bandonil****, NBI-Cordillera, Baguio*

The best way to stop the drug problem is to stop the source. If you stop the drugs at the source, the flow will stop. Catching dealers or users will be useless if the core of the problem grows bigger and bigger. —***Christian Bautista****, 2nd Year high school student, St. Mary's School, Cagayan de Oro*

If I have the authority, I will prioritize the monitoring of drug entry points such as seaports and airports because most prohibited drugs come from foreign shores. Drug smugglers can freely enter our coastal territories because these are not guarded.—***Orlando Pedro****, government worker, Laoag*

I expect strict and effective enforcement of anti-drug laws. I would help conduct an anti-drugs education campaign and encourage strong family support for the youth. Everyone must be counted in the fight against the use and peddling of illegal drugs.—***Myrish Cadapan-Antonio****, councilor, Dumaguete City*

Eradicate the source of drugs, ask the government to prosecute those who break our drug laws, and strictly implement the curfew ordinance for minors. The full implementation of anti-drugs law should be applied to all.—***Rodrigo Diaz****, sugar planter, Negros Oriental*

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The WORLD

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Israel to leave Gaza Strip; Hamas to suspend attacks

GAZA—Israel and the Palestinians reached a disengagement deal in the Gaza Strip and Hamas said it decided to suspend attacks on Israelis—dramatic moves driven by US pressure to bolster a Middle East peace "road map."

The deal on an Israeli troop pullback in Gaza was announced before Saturday's visit to the region by US national security adviser Condoleezza Rice as Israel and the Palestinians jockeyed for pride of place in pushing forward the US-backed peace plan.

Rice, viewed in Israel as one of its strongest backers in Washington, was likely to press Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas in talks in the West Bank on Saturday to dismantle Hamas and other militant groups as mandated by the road map.

Against the backdrop of US pressure and Israeli attacks on its senior militants, Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin said his group "has reached a decision to call a truce, or a suspension of fighting activities."

But he said a truce would carry conditions and be declared only after Hamas and other militant groups agreed on a joint statement in a 33-month-old Palestinian uprising for statehood.

A senior Israeli government source said a Hamas ceasefire would not be "worth the paper it's written on." The group, on the US list of terrorist organizations, has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombings it calls resistance to occupation.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States would withhold judgment until Hamas formally declared a truce.

But he hailed the deal on Gaza. "This is a very positive development," Powell said in Washington on Friday "It reflects the kind of movement that the president and the other leaders called for."

In New York, the spokesperson for UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said Annan welcomed the agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

"He looks forward to continued implementation of the road map, leading to a permanent settlement of the conflict..." he said.

A senior Israeli political source said soldiers would start withdrawing on Monday in the Gaza Strip and open its major roads to free Palestinian movement in return for Palestinian forces ensuring militants did not attack Israeli targets.

However, troops will remain around Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, where buffer zones are to be set up between the Israeli army and Palestinian security forces, the source said after talks mediated by US Middle East envoy John Wolf.

The source also said Palestinian forces would be given a chance to act on Israeli tips on any pending attacks by militants before Israel launched "track-and-kill" operations.

Israeli and Palestinian officials said talks would be held on Sunday to finalize a similar withdrawal in the West Bank city of Bethlehem.

"The agreement represents a first significant joint step toward implementation of commitments made by each side at the Aqaba summit," White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer said.

He was referring to talks US President George W. Bush held with Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Aqaba, Jordan on June 4 in which they affirmed the peace plan that leads to the creation of a Palestinian state by 2005. *Reuters*

LIBERIANS demonstrate for peace in the streets of Monrovia June 27. Liberia's latest ceasefire, after two failed rebel attempts to storm the capital in 10 days, revived faint hopes for peace on Saturday as cries grew ever louder for foreign intervention. REUTERS

Liberia rebels declare ceasefire but Taylor takes combative tone

MONROVIA—Liberia's main rebel group Friday declared a truce to prevent a human catastrophe in the war-ravaged capital Monrovia after days of combat that killed some 300 people by official count.

The ceasefire by the Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD) started at early Friday and aimed at preventing "a grotesque humanitarian catastrophe," rebel leader Sekou Damate Conneh said in a statement.

Accusing President Charles Taylor of using "civilians as cannon fodder," LURD said it would maintain its current positions in the capital.

But Taylor, facing his toughest challenge in a four-year civil war, adopted a combative tone Friday, saying scores of rebels had been killed, including their top commanders, and pledged to hunt down and punish the rest.

Taylor said although he "yearned for peace" he was not prepared to leave his people "in the hands of these kind of murderers."

He said he wanted a ceasefire coupled with monitors and an international force which will "make absolutely sure that this kind of mayhem and murder that these terrorists continue to perpetuate will not come upon you even when I am not on the scene."

He added: "Over the last three-four days our people have seen murder and mayhem on a level never before known in this country."

Information Minister Reginald Goodridge said the LURD truce was meaningless as they had broken a truce signed last week by entering Monrovia.

"We are trying to defend the city," he said. "We continue to abide by the ceasefire agreement that was signed... (but) it is our responsibility to protect and defend the city from aggression."

As the LURD announced the ceasefire, government soldiers immediately cried victory and went on a looting spree. Their haul ranged from everyday fare like mattresses to rarities such as bearskins.

The recent fighting in Monrovia has killed some 300 civilians, according to Health Minister Peter Coleman.

Hundreds have been injured and largely lack medical treatment in a city where thousands are living rough with an acute shortage of food, water, medicines and health facilities.

Monrovia was calm Friday after heavy overnight fighting. Government forces were in control of the area between the key port area and Saint Paul's Bridge —the entry to Monrovia—and were carrying out cleaning up operations.

Liberian General Benjamin Yeaten said "mopping-up operations are going on at Po river," about 15 km from the city center.

Several hundred people have flocked to Monrovia's plush Mamba Point area, where many embassies and UN offices are located, to seek sanctuary. Some 10,000 people were crammed into the Freemasons temple, one of the empty buildings there.

About 100 people, mainly youths, demonstrated for an end to the war in Mamba Point, shouting: "We want peace, no more war," and urging the United States to intervene militarily. *AFP*

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4,000 arrested in protests–Iran

TEHRAN—Iran said on Friday that more than 4,000 people, including hundreds of students, had been arrested during protests against Islamic clerical rule earlier this month, a much higher figure than originally given.

Analysts said the new number from Iran's Prosecutor General Ayatollah Abdonnabi Namazi suggested the protests had been larger than authorities had previously acknowledged.

"That's a lot of (arrested) people. It just shows that these protests were actually quite large and widespread," said one local analyst who declined to be named.

The demonstrations started in Tehran about three weeks ago.

Hundreds of university students were joined by a few thousand ordinary people each night who chanted slogans against Iran's clerical rulers and called for greater democracy and freedom.

The protests, which included harsh criticism of moderate President Mohammad Khatami as well as the conservative clerics who have blocked his attempts at reform, spread to more than half a dozen other cities.

But they were soon stamped out by a large security response involving riot police and hardline vigilantes armed with batons and chains who are fiercely loyal to conservative clerics.

Namazi told the ISNA students news agency more than 4,000 people had been detained. He said about 40 percent of those had been released quickly. The remainder, including 800 students in Tehran alone, remained in custody. *Reuters*

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2 US soldiers missing in Iraq found dead

BAGHDAD—US forces in Iraq recovered the bodies of two soldiers missing for three days after apparently being abducted, the military said Saturday, while a separate attack left one soldier dead and four wounded.

The bodies of the two soldiers were found around 35 kilometers northwest of Baghdad, near where they went missing on Wednesday, Lt. Col. Martin Compton told AFP, without elaborating.

The discovery came after the latest in a series of anti-US attacks in which one soldier was killed when the convoy he was in was ambushed in Baghdad late on Friday, spokesperson Sgt. First Class Patrick Compton said.

An Iraqi translator was also injured in the ambush, he said. It followed a rocket-propelled grenade attack in the flashpoint town of Fallujah, which according to witnesses destroyed a US armored vehicle.

There were no reports of US casualties in that attack.

Almost daily ambushes and the rising death toll prompted US Secretary of State Colin Powell to urge Americans to be patient, while the tactics used by former Baathist militia showed worrying signs of diversifying.

US soldiers patrolling the country have regularly been targeted by snipers, gunmen and attackers using rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), but the apparent abduction of two soldiers further added to the climate of insecurity.

The soldiers went missing in Saddam Hussein's former heartland north of Baghdad. Three people had been arrested in connection with their apparent abduction, the military said Friday.

Coalition forces meanwhile announced that they had detained more than 900 loyalists of Saddam Hussein in the last week who have been "subverting" US efforts to rebuild Iraq.

"In the last week, we have detained more than 900 former regime loyalists, former Fedayeen and other criminals that are out there subverting our efforts," a senior coalition military official said, asking not to be named.

He said some of those arrested had been released, but did not specify how many remained in detention.

"Under Operation Desert Scorpion, we continue to conduct raids as we get intelligence to be able to take down these subversive elements that remain," he added.

"We are suffering casualties ... the war hasn't ended ... but these casualties that we are encountering are not causing us to falter in any way," he added.

Another US military spokesperson, speaking before the two soldiers were found dead, refused to concede that attacks on US troops were intensifying, after a week in which 11 British and US soldiers were killed.

"I think it's probably too early to tell if we're seeing an increase," Maj. William Thurmond said, adding that some attacks may have been a reaction to the Desert Scorpion campaign to wipe out remnants of the ousted regime.

"Virtually every day there has been an attack of some form against coalition soldiers," Thurmond told AFP, adding: "There are people in Iraq who do not want the coalition to succeed." *AFP*

DID THEY FIND THE 3 COINS?
Youths take a dive, dip and splash in the Piazza Barberini historic Triton fountain during a hot summer afternoon in central Rome, June 27 as a heatwave continues to sweep Italy. AP

Cleric: Kill Jews who buy Iraq property

BAGHDAD—A senior Iraqi Shiite Muslim cleric has issued a decree, or fatwa, ordering the killing of any Jew who buys real estate in Iraq, an aide has said.

The Iran-based cleric, Ayatollah Kazem al-Husseini al-Haieri, also said that selling real estate to Jews was forbidden for Muslims.

A cleric at Haieri's representative office in the holy city of Najaf said several Iraqis had sought Haieri's religious decree after Jews from abroad approached them over the past six weeks.

"Any Jew who tries, from now on, to buy a lot of land or a house in Iraq should be killed," the decree said. "Selling any lot of land or a house in Iraq to Jews is forbidden."

Haieri's secretary, Sheikh Abu Ali al-Azaie, confirmed during a telephone call from the Iranian city of Qum on Thursday night that Haieri had issued the decree. "The decree is authentic," Azaie said.

Iraqi scholars say Haieri, known for his hardline positions, commands respect and influence in the Shi'ite community but it was difficult to gauge the size of his following. He is said to be planning to return to Iraq from his self-imposed exile in Iran. *Reuters*

Frustrated Dems launch own Iraq weapons probe

WASHINGTON—Frustrated by what they see as Republican stonewalling, US congressional Democrats Friday launched their own probe into whether the Bush administration had manipulated intelligence about alleged Iraqi weapons of mass destruction to justify the war.

The announcement by Sen. Carl Levin, ranking Democrat on the Senate armed services committee, followed revelations that experts from the State Department had questioned CIA findings last month that two tractor-trailers discovered in Iraq were mobile biological weapons labs.

It also came after Committee Chair John Warner rejected Levin's call for immediate bipartisan action stating, in a letter, that "the course of action for our committee should be to await the intelligence committee's findings."

"Accordingly, I have directed my armed services committee staff to proceed and to keep Senator Warner, through his staff, informed on our work plan and to invite his staff to join with us at any time on any matter," Levin said in a statement.

He said he felt "a heavy responsibility" to look into "the objectivity and credibility of the intelligence concerning the presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq immediately before the war" and the effect of such intelligence on defense policy decisions.

The threat from Iraqi chemical and biological weapons—as well as suspected efforts to build nuclear weapons—was the US-British pretext for the March 20 allied invasion.

But more than two months since the fall of Baghdad, the US military and Central Intelligence Agency have found no such weapons, prompting speculation that in making its case for the war and getting Congress to authorize it, the administration had either used intelligence selectively, or pressured the intelligence community into turning a blind eye on questionable sources.

Critics cite a September 2002 Defense Intelligence Agency report, in which the DIA said there was "no reliable information" that Iraq was producing chemical weapons. *AFP*

N. Korea warns UN: Don't follow US bidding

UNITED NATIONS—North Korea warned the UN Security Council on Friday against doing Washington's bidding, urging it to be impartial in judging whether Pyongyang posed a nuclear threat.

"It can be said that now the United Nations is at the crossroads of whether it will maintain the international order led by the United Nations or give way to the establishment of dangerous world order led by an individual country," North Korea's foreign minister, Paek Nam-sun, said in a letter to the council obtained by Reuters.

The letter was sent a week after the United States launched its second attempt this year to persuade the 15-nation council to adopt a statement condemning North Korea—also known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or DPRK—for reviving its nuclear weapons program.

A draft statement circulated by Washington would call on Pyongyang "to immediately and completely dismantle its nuclear weapons program in a verifiable and irreversible manner" and fully comply with international nuclear safeguards.

China, joined by Russia, blocked an earlier US effort in April to persuade the council to condemn North Korea, which US President George W. Bush has branded as part of an "axis of evil" along with Iran and Iraq. *Reuters*

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Mummies found in Mt. Province

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BAGUIO CITY—Officials are busy negotiating for the recovery of four centuries-old Benguet mummies discovered recently in a Mt. Province town.

The National Museum had certified the authenticity of the four mummies, which were preserved in a house in the tourist town of Sagada in Mt. Province.

Sagada Mayor Tomas Killip told the INQUIRER by telephone that the negotiations being conducted by the officials were "delicate because the custodians of the mummies abhor publicity."

Killip said his role in the negotiations was to guarantee that Benguet reacquires the mummies.

Benguet had been using all of its resources to reclaim the mummies, which were believed taken from their burial caves in Tuptac Village in Kabayan town at the turn of the 20th century.

The most celebrated mummy is Apo Anno, a historical figure known to Ibaloi, Kankaney and Kalanguya Igorot folk. It was returned after 81 years to Barangay Natubleng in Buguias town in 1999.

Jorge Estoesta, a Spaniard, was believed to have stolen Apo Anno's mummified body in 1918, years after Spain lost the Philippines to the United States.

Historians traced the mummy's trail from Estoesta to art collectors Don Antonio Jimenez and Carino Lacson, until it was sold to Magdalena Cortez, who donated it to the National Museum in 1984.

In separate interviews on Saturday, both Benguet Gov. Raul Molintas and Killip initially declined to discuss the discovery of the four mummies for fear that undue publicity would scare away the people who are keeping them.

The custodians, heirs of a Cordilleran politician, had actually offered to return the mummies, the INQUIRER learned.

The officials were tight-lipped about how the mummies found their way to Sagada, although the town is dominated by Kankaney folk.

The officials also declined to provide the INQUIRER with descriptions of these artifacts. "Let me talk first to (the custodians) because we don't want to unduly alarm them about these negotiations," said Molintas.

Isias Picpican, Ibaloi curator of the Saint Louis University in Baguio, described the ancient art of Ibaloi mummification as a consequence of ancient class wars. Picpican, who hails from Buguias, wrote in his book "The Igorot Mummies" that only the *kadangyan* (the Ibaloi rich) had access to mummification, isolating the *nabileg* (Ibaloi poor).

He said Philippine mummification appeared to have originated from Buguias' ancient village called Imbosi. He said Balao, a poor villager who became rich after finding gold in a river, eventually questioned the ways of the traditional rich and led families to migrate instead to the towns of Natubleng and Bakun.

That would explain why mummification spread to these towns, said Picpican.

But the active practice of mummification could have died with the migrants, he said. "The tradition of mummification ended because the last mummified elders declined to talk about their past in Imbosi (while they were still alive)," he said.

For them, to talk about the past in Imbosi is *paniyw* (taboo), he said.

HARVEST TIME

BEN MOSES EBREO

Farmer Agapita Napudo uses her *gamlang* (knife) to cut rice straws on the rice terraces of Barangay Julongan, Kiangan, Ifugao as the harvest season starts in the province. The provincial government is promoting the traditional Ifugao farming system to restore the condition of the rice terraces amid threats of migration and earthworm infestation.

5 workers killed over land row in Cavite

GENERAL MARIANO ALVAREZ, Cavite—Five unidentified armed men gunned down five workers who were clearing a grassy area inside an idle lot on Friday in Barangay F. De Castro.

Senior Inspector Randolf Tuano, town police chief, identified the fatalities as Danilo Cigarino, Juanito Along, Francisco Reyes, Ernesto Garcia and Sandy Laguna.

The five were all residents of the village and were hired by the Asiatic Development Corp. to clean and level off its 35-hectare property in the area, Tuano said.

Tuano said the victims sustained multiple bullet wounds in various parts of their bodies and died on the spot.

Police said witnesses saw Cigarino, the workers' foreman, having an argument with an unidentified man over their clearing operations in the lot.

The man is said to be a former barangay captain of the area.

Records showed that squatters who formerly occupied the lot were displaced after Asiatic decided to develop the property.

Some of the squatters allegedly warned the company that something bad would happen if they refused to let them occupy a portion of the land.

Witnesses said they saw at least five men wearing ski masks arrive at the crime scene at about 10:45 a.m. and without uttering a word, shot the victims at close range.

The victims were taken to a funeral parlor in Dasmariñas town for autopsy.

Recovered from the crime scene were several spent shells of M16 rifles and .45-caliber pistols. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Maguindanao flash flood displaces 10,000, kills 2

COTABATO CITY—Heavy downpour and strong winds triggered a flash flood in Maguindanao that left two persons dead and displaced some 10,000 people, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) here yesterday reported.

Lita Enok, OCD regional director, said the floodwaters on Wednesday and Thursday also destroyed a 100-meter concrete fence of a premier state university in Maguindanao, burned a house and shattered a newly built 25-km concrete road in Datu Odin Sinsuat town, some 30 km south of here.

The identities of the victims, 5-year old boy and a 70-year-old farmer, were not immediately available.

"Waters rampaging toward several houses went as high as five feet," according to Enok, quoting a witness.

The flash flood destroyed about 500 homes and rendered about 500 families or 10,000 people homeless, Enok said.

Town Councilor Junie Sinsuat has mobilized the town's disaster team and coordinated with the OCD for relief assistance.

Enok said her office extended emergency relief assistance but admitted those were not enough.

She said the area hardest hit by floodwater after the Brar river overflowed is situated some three meters below the portions of the national highway linking Cotabato and Gen. Santos City.

"I urge people living near rivers and marshlands, including those beside high rise cliff and mountains to stay away whenever there's heavy downpour," Enok said. *Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Climbing (and cleaning) Mt. Apo

ACTIVITY Coordinator Paul Ancla (2nd from left) and his staff show the garbage collected from Goody-goody to peak during the clean-up on Mt. Apo.

RYAN LIM

By Leonard Paul Palo
Contributor

Leave nothing but footprints; take nothing but pictures; kill nothing but time; and bring back nothing but memories.

This is the international mountaineering code of ethics and this is the principle, which every mountaineer should remember by heart and carry out, especially in the great outdoors.

Unfortunately, a lot of so-called mountaineers seem to have forgotten the value of this code and have instead chosen to deface their very own playground.

For the past five years, the country's highest peak, Mt. Apo, which stands at an amazing 10,311 feet above sea level, has been closed to the public for purposes of rehabilitation. This was due to the severe damage brought by the total disregard of countless visitors, who scaled its very treacherous summit.

This year, a group of selected mountaineers from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao were lucky to have been given the chance to revisit the truly majestic national treasure, which is in danger of being ravaged, not just by climbers but also by slash-and-burn farmers who have recently settled in the area.

On June 14-18, the Pundok Habagat Davao, with the help of officials of Barangay Kapatagan in Digos, Davao del Sur, the Department of Tourism regional office, the local and provincial tourism council, Ipaf, Protected Area Management Board Inc., Philippine National Red Cross-Davao City chapter, Alert and Kabalikat successfully launched "Sustaining Mt. Apo," a clean-up and tree-planting drive aimed at restoring the mountain's beauty.

I was among the 60 climbers who had the privilege of joining the worthy endeavor that would someday help reinstate Apo to its crowning glory.

This is a personal account of my exciting and heart-pounding ordeal:

Day 1: Amazing Race

Being a reporter/sportswriter for a local daily newspaper, assignments never cease to occupy my routine, and on the day of our jump-off from Davao City to Kapatagan, I was caught in one of these very irritating situations.

Jump-off time was set at 6 a.m., and the participants converged at the DOT regional office at the Magsaysay Park. Unfortunately, I had commitments later that day and chose to take a later trip to Digos City and then to Kapatagan.

I managed to leave Davao City via public transport at 5:30 p.m. on June 14. I got stuck in traffic because of a road construction on the outskirts of town. Instead of arriving in Digos at 6:30 p.m., I arrived past 7 p.m. and was in a mad rush to reach the nearest terminal that would take me to Kapatagan, either by van or by "*habal-habal*" (an improvised motorcycle transport with extended seats). Somehow, I felt like I was doing a scene from the Amazing Race, running and asking around for directions.

As I feared, all trips by van or "*habal-habal*" were already called off for the day and the first trip was at 6 a.m. the next day. With my heavy pack, I made my way to the nearest inn and decided to sleep there for the night.

According to the group's initial itinerary, the Apo ascent would start off at first light, and I knew that if I wanted to catch up with the pack, I had to get to Kapatagan by not later than 7 a.m. Sadly, I felt that would be impossible, especially when you're at the mercy of a van waiting to be filled up with passengers.

Day 2: Getting Lucky?

As expected, my trip was delayed and I got there by 8 a.m. I was pretty sure that the group had already set off for the first campsite, the "Goody-Goody."

Fortunately, just when I was bracing myself for the worst, one of the loading trucks that was supposed to take the group to the jump-off point (Sitio Mainit) stopped in one of the barangay markets to buy some provisions for one of the participants. My luck finally changed, or so I thought, and I finally caught up with the pack after huffing and puffing all the way.

PARTICIPANTS in the clean-up on Mt. Apo trek to the peak.

RYAN LIM

On the muddy road, the loading trucks that ferried us to the jump-off point were forced to stop even before we reached the point, and we had no choice but to walk. From then on, I knew that I was really getting more than what I had bargained for, and it felt like an eternity as we moved to the next stopover.

The road in Mainit was made up of red clay that stuck to my trek shoes like plaster. It made the trek even more taxing, and I was on the verge of losing all my body fluids. There were steep uphill sections and the sun was glowing hot, just right after a short drizzle.

After our first stop, I packed in as much water as I could, and continued treading on with no other thought than of reaching the campsite before nightfall.

But fatigue and lack of sleep the night before took its toll. What was supposed to be at least five hours of trekking became eight hours of "stop-and-go," walking and crawling as I passed through dense forests. My knees were already on the brink of turning Jell-O, and I was constantly licking my dry lips, which were already chapped due to the cold breeze.

Just when I was a few minutes away from the camp, the worst thing happened. As I tried to go over a fallen log, the ground that I stepped on gave way and my right foot twisted. I yelled and grimaced in pain as Randy Pascua, one of the staff members in charge of the activity, rushed to my aid. I quickly checked for broken bones since I heard a loud snap after my fall. To my amazement, nothing seemed broken as I moved my toes slightly and tried to make a step. To my dismay, I couldn't stand on my right foot, and I was limping terribly on the trail.

Since it was already nightfall, Randy guided my path and called for back-up to help me get to the camp. One of the porters graciously carried my pack as I made my way through the dark underbrush.

When I got to the site, everyone was already getting ready for dinner, and I was dying to get out of my wet clothes. It was getting cold, and my ankle was killing me. Felina Tadiaman, one of the regular participants in the Pundok Habagat and a Physical Therapy graduate, offered me a massage.

Because of the accident, I felt that I would not stand a chance of making it to the summit, which was still a long trek away. I was getting desperate, but I wasn't about to give up.

After Felina bandaged my foot, I tried to get some sleep for the next day.

Day 3: Assault to peak

With a little walking around the camp, I began to compose myself for the five-hour assault to the peak. My ankle still hurt, but it was tolerable. There was simply no turning back. I have waited for years to finally reach the country's highest summit, and a sprained ankle wasn't going to stop me.

For this section of the ascent, the group was going to pass through the Boulders, which also has sulfur deposits that emit fumes. It was all uphill from hereon, and taking higher steps for me meant exerting more effort and, of course, enduring more pain.

So that I would not be left behind, I stayed in the middle of the pack as we began the climb. The sting was beginning to become unbearable, but I was determined to accomplish what I came for.

Finally, before 6 p.m. of June 16, I reached the peak. All the tales that they said about this magnificent mountain were true. It was simply the closest one could ever get to heaven.

The temperature could be below zero as we all shivered and huddled inside our tents. Outside, there seemed to be a river of clouds, as fog covered the entire peak. Visibility was very poor. Being up there was like being on top of Mt. Olympus.

PARTICIPANTS in the clean-up

RYAN LIM

The activity was not merely for fun or an endurance climb for us. We were to clean up the mess that other mountaineers or climbers had left. For the whole duration of the ascent, we picked up cans, plastic bags and wrappers, cigarette butts, sanitary napkins and all other types of garbage.

It's sad to know how, despite the information campaign, the lectures and the seminars, some people still could not see the significance of managing waste properly, especially out in the wild.

All in all, the group brought back a total of 115.8 kilos of garbage, which clearly indicates that Apo is still very much in danger of degradation, and that more effort has to be exerted for its preservation and protection.

Aside from the extensive clean-up, the group planted a total of 100 Benguet Pine seedlings to help reforest some barren sections. According to barangay tourism officer Edwin Sacdalan, the presence of these trees will greatly help the climate in the area and will put some balance in the ecosystem.

Experiences

For five days, I interacted with the participants, asking about their own views and experiences during the climb. Here are some of their thoughts:

Melissa Bailey (USA): "It's amazing that the Pundok Habagat was able to carry out such a wonderful climb like this with 60 people almost, and it's very safe, and we really enjoyed the beauty of nature while also providing service to the local community. I was very scared at first, but I knew that if I don't do it on my own strength, if I only do it on the strength of God, I knew I could do it."

Ceasar Oliver Diola (Muntinlupa City): "I've always wanted to climb Apo since I [started] climbing mountains like Pulag, Jalcon and Banahaw. It's really fun, although it was not an easy climb. It was a unique experience."

John Paul Juntilla (Cebu City): "The climb was okay. It was good. The activity was very well handled, but it was difficult. I suffered a lot of cuts and scratches, and I have a lot of muscle pains also. This is actually my first ascent to Apo. Most of my climbs were in the Visayas."

Felina Tadiaman (Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat): "It was almost perfect, except for some expected and manageable things, like some climbers who got lost in the trail and some minor injuries. Being a physical therapist helps a lot especially in terms of injuries. If there's something I can do for all of you guys, my friends, I will [sic]. This is actually my gift for myself. I've just finished an intense lifeguard training and I promised myself that I would climb Apo. Quitting is never an option for me. If you quit, you'll never reach the peak, and when you do get to the peak, it's so nice to shout out loud that you love God and you love your family, as well as your friends."

Paul Ancla (Habagat Davao-event coordinator): "I suffered a few painful blisters and muscle pains, but that didn't stop me from doing what had to be done. We have to show the people that there is a need to take care of Apo, because it's a national landmark, and it's a home to various species of plants and animals, as well as a natural watershed."

Day 4: Mountain high

Upon our descent, all of us were in high spirits, knowing that we had done something very good for the environment and for Apo, which will someday benefit future generations of mountaineers.

Unfortunately, when we got to Sitio Kulan, just a few minutes from our base camp, we realized that we were missing four of our companions, who went astray after visiting Lake Venado just below the peak. All the participants were very worried since it was getting dark, and the area was way too cold even for experienced mountaineers.

Luckily, two of the missing climbers were able to get back to the base camp later that night, informing us that their two companions were also all right. The next morning, just before lunch, the remaining stragglers arrived to the delight of the entire group.

Apparently, the four climbers lost their way during the descent because they took too much time in Lake Venado. They had to go back to the original trail of the ascent to get back to the base camp, which was more risky and exhausting. But, with a lot of guts and spirit, they made it back alive and well.

With all the fond memories that we had of the climb, and all the pains that we endured to help save Apo, I realized a lot of things not just for myself but also for the entire community. Nothing is impossible once you put your mind and soul into it, and group effort can certainly go a long way even though it takes a lot of time and some frustration.

Now that I'm back in the urban jungle, I'm looking forward to revisiting Apo and experiencing this one-of-a-kind adventure all over again, in the company of fellow mountaineers and friends.

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Pilot program helps kids with impairment

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Jonjon is among millions of Filipino schoolchildren suffering from different forms of impairment. Health experts estimate that one out of every six Filipino children suffer from some form of disability ranging from hearing and sight impairment to developmental disorders like autism and ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder).

How Jonjon's impaired hearing was detected quite early and arrested was made possible by a program on early childhood care and development (ECCD) that is being pilot-tested in the country and has already yielded positive results in 12 test municipalities in Nueva Ecija.

The caregiver who detected Jonjon's condition was a barangay-based ECCD service provider trained by Kinder Plus, a comprehensive ECCD program that is an initiative of the education department and the office of Sen. Tessie Oreta, who authored RA 8980, the law that created a national ECCD system.

The pilot program is being implemented by local government units with the help of a nongovernment organization, the Community of Learners Foundation (Colf).

Kinder Plus, which integrates basic social services such as early education, health and nutrition, is aimed at providing for the basic needs of young children and will soon go regionwide before being implemented all over the country.

Through Kinder Plus, rural health midwives and barangay health workers monitor the development of children up to 3 years old and advise parents about appropriate activities for the child and proper feeding practices.

Day care volunteers and workers, meanwhile, use the Philippine ECD Checklist provided by Kinder Plus to track the overall development of 3 to 5 year olds in the day care centers.

All these barangay-based ECCD service providers are given Kinder Plus screening kits consisting of simple materials like a mirror, doll, rattle, picture book, ball, toy car, crayons and building blocks to assess the child's behavior, abilities, skills or reactions to sights and sounds.

Each item in the checklist is assessed and a score is assigned based on certain guidelines that come with the kit. Through the scores, the ECCD provider will know if the child's development is to be expected for his or her age, or be alerted to certain patterns that should be cause for concern.

They would then decide whether the child has to be observed more closely or referred to a health professional.

In the case of Jonjon, the day care volunteer noticed something wrong with the child because she was trained to use the Kinder checklist. The early detection of Jonjon's condition led to a chain of referrals. Timely intervention like speech therapy made it possible for him to learn to communicate and benefit from all the learning experiences of children his age.

Today, 13-year-old Jonjon is an enthusiastic participant in school and youth activities. He can talk and is able to hear with a hearing aid. He interacts normally with other kids and has not suffered the emotional problems of the hearing-impaired.

Early detection of developmental problems by promoting the use of simple developmental screening tools can make a big difference in young children's lives, said child education expert Feny de los Angeles-Bautista, who is the executive director of Colf.

"It is so important to spot these details in a child's behavior or physical development at an early stage so they can be immediately addressed, possibly mitigated and the negative impact on the child's development lessened," she said.

Like other forms of communication disorders, hearing problems impede a child's ability to recognize sounds and to communicate verbally. This gets in the way of learning if the child is not provided with special support systems since parents and caregivers may not even be aware of the problem.

The health workers and day care volunteers are encouraged to observe and record the children's behavior and to administer the age-appropriate item in the checklist. It helps them to keep track of all the aspects of a child's growth and development.

Parents are also participants in the program as they too are supplied with simple, user-friendly tools by which to track their children's development. Aside from observing how their children are getting taller or heavier, a parents' version of the Kinder Plus kit helps alert them to the so-called developmental milestones for physical, mental, language, social and emotional development.

"We do not approach the child as if he or she is there to just listen to us. Rather, we also listen to them and learn from them. In the process, we learn to carefully study and understand each child's behavior," said Victoria Portillo, a parent volunteer from a Kinder Plus pilot center in Nueva Ecija.

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KIDS IN THEIR CARE. Children line up outside the Early Childhood Development Program Center (far left) and gather around day care volunteers and workers in Cabiao and 11 other towns in Nueva Ecija. The program has yielded positive results.

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Endangered, lost deer finds haven in QC park

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mal when it was offered for sale at P3,000 by the men who caught it.

Having secured the animal, the Guerreros of Camille Street in the Hobart Subdivision immediately turned the deer over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on Thursday.

"It just feels good knowing that it didn't end up being slaughtered," Nancy Guerrero said in Filipino when reached by telephone yesterday.

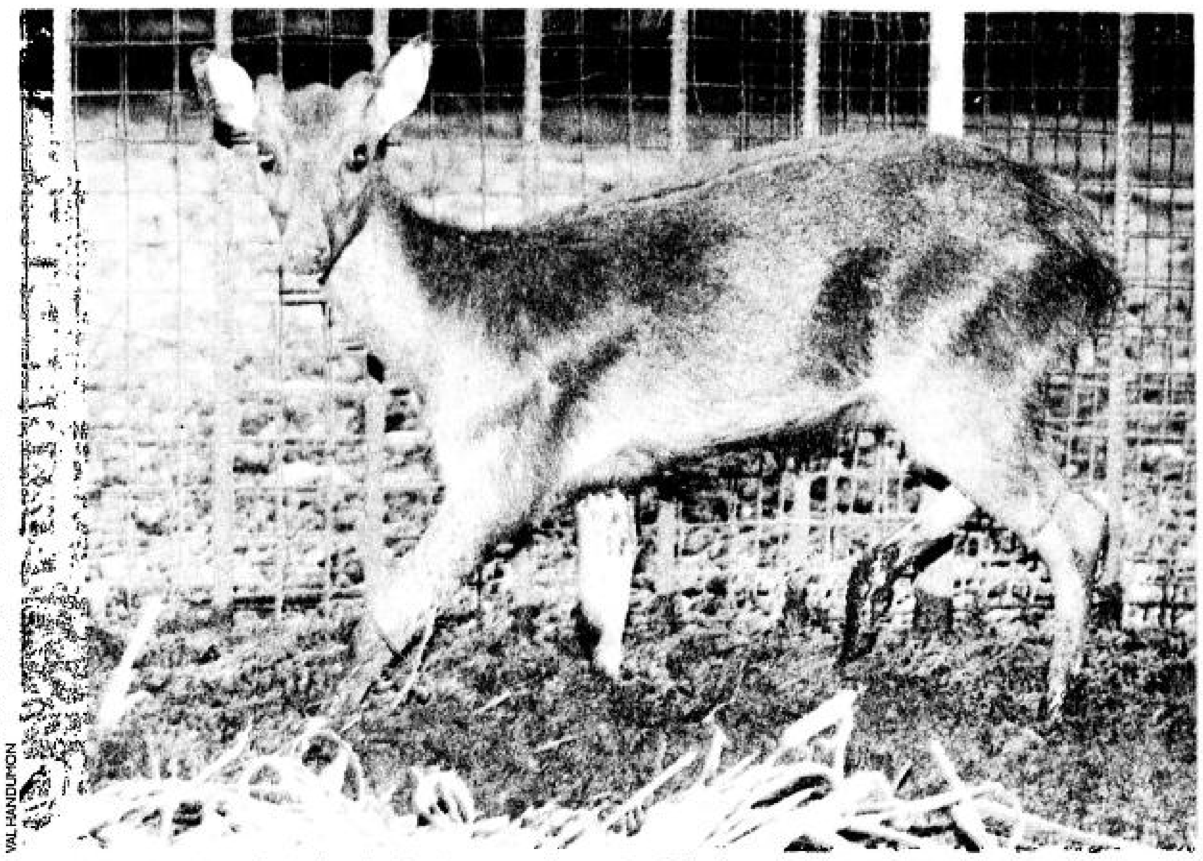
Two of her children returned from work with a cake "to celebrate the rescue" over dinner that Thursday, she said.

The deer was apparently just the latest of many rescue stories involving the Guerreros. Nancy said all of the family's "10 dogs and up to 30 cats" were abandoned puppies and kittens that family members picked up from the street.

The deer has now found sanctuary inside the Quezon City Parks and Wildlife center, according to Dr. Steven Toledo, who joined the DENR team that took the animal from the Guerrero residence about three hours after the family alerted his office.

The deer, a young adult male with a brownish coat, belongs to a protected species native to the Philippines, Toledo said.

Save for some minor bruises on its back, the animal appeared healthy, said the veterinarian.



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LOST DEER. Saved from the 'pulutan' table, the runaway brown deer finds a home at the Quezon City Parks and Wildlife Center.

According to the "Mammals of the Philippines" published by the Chicago-based Field Museum, the Philippine brown deer (*Cervus mariannus*) is fairly common in isolated areas of the country but is heavily hunted and declining. It is reported extinct in the provinces of Catanduanes and Biliran.

But how did the deer find its way into the residential subdivision in the first place?

According to information gathered by the DENR team, the deer had reportedly "escaped" about a month ago from a private compound in a neighboring subdivision.

Guerrero said a man who was cutting grass on a vacant lot in Hobart early yesterday discovered the deer among the tall reeds.

Startled, the deer ran into a squatters area just outside the village. The residents gave chase and cornered their quarry when it got stuck in the mud.

Even while the deer was being stalked, Guerrero said one of her children had already called the Parks and Wildlife Office at about 10:30 a.m.

Guerrero said she immediately sought out the men who caught the deer as she was worried that it might end up being butchered if it was bought by someone else.

She said she and her family did not expect the DENR to give them back the P3,000 that they paid for it.

"We just wanted to save the deer," she said.

Toledo, who works with the DENR's Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, said the Guerreros would not be reimbursed in any case because "we discourage the buying of wild animals."

But in recognition of their act, the DENR will be issuing a "certificate" to the family attesting to their good deed which will also give them free admission to the QC Parks and Wildlife Center.

Gary V 'shouts for joy' for mountain children

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ahead," he said.

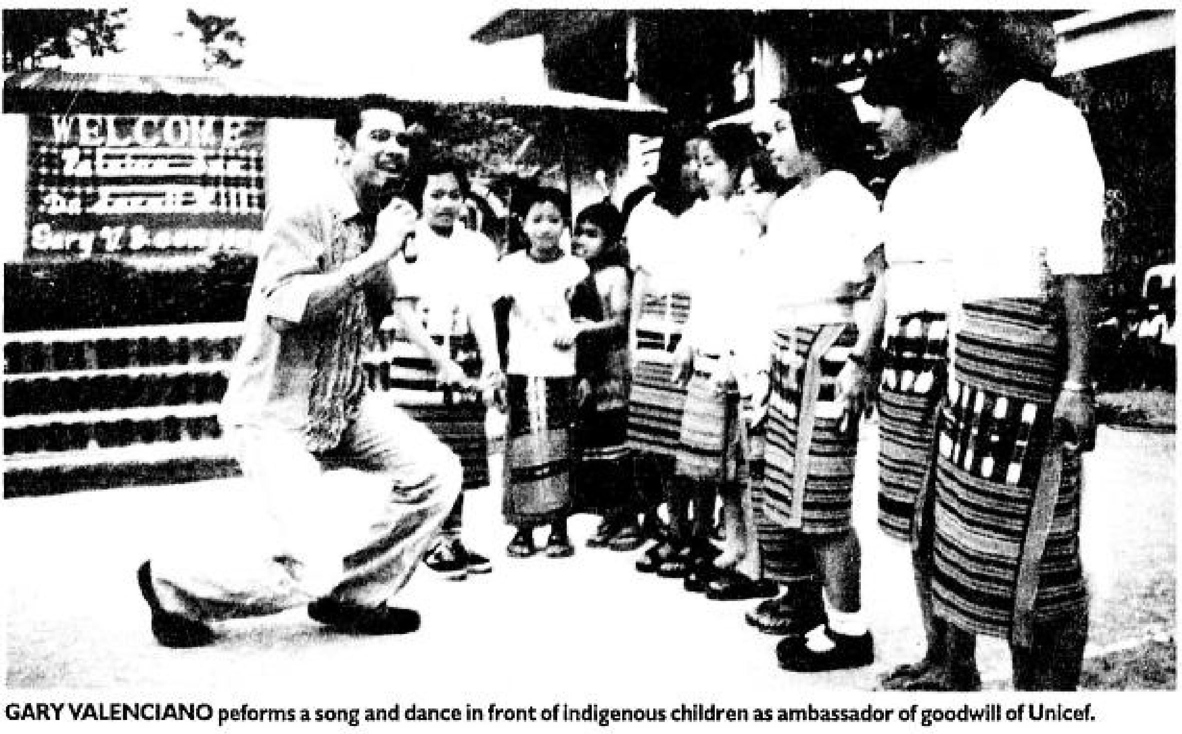
The rain poured as a group of children were singing a native song to welcome their guests at 2 p.m. last Wednesday. Then gusty winds tore away the tent that was put up in Barangay Masla here.

Later, a boulder fell and blocked the route leading to the tourist town of Sagada where the guests were billeted.

For two hours, Gary V, Angeli and the Unicef officials were stranded in Tadian (pop: 18,227), 38 km from the capital town of Bontoc.

When Gary V learned that there was a landslide along the mountain road, he asked his staff to set up the sound system which he had brought. Then he grabbed the microphone and performed an impromptu concert to the delight of some 100 residents.

"The rains and the landslides are indeed a blessing because that means you will have to spend a longer time with us," said Tadian Mayor Constito Masweng.



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GARY VALENCIANO peforms a song and dance in front of indigenous children as ambassador of goodwill of Unicef.

Adopted son

Masweng, who ordered his men to clear the road, thanked Gary V and Unicef for taking time to travel to this far-flung community.

"Should you wish to come back Gary, we will pass a resolution adopting you as a son of Tadian," he said as women in their *tapis* (native skirt) and beads cheered.

In response, Gary V said: "I promise to tell the other artists in Manila about the beauty of your place. We might as well perform in Mt. Province in the future. We may have luxuries in life that you don't have here but I tell you, you are much richer here. You keep your values and culture intact. You dearly love your families and you have inner peace and joy which other people in the lowlands don't have."

After Gary's brief speech, some villagers were teary-eyed. They hugged him and gave him a *pasiking*.

"We can't give you much because we are only poor. We hope that this *pasiking*, which is woven in Barangay Masla, will make you remember us," an elderly woman said.

Who is Gary V?

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, villagers in Sagada, Bauko and Tadian towns left their rice fields to prepare for the arrival of Gary V, whom they described as a "popular national artist from Manila."

Although they did not know who Gary V was, the women worked together, cooking *sayote* leaves and boiling sweet potatoes.

In Bauko town, men wore their traditional *bahag* (G-strings) and performed an Igorot ritual to inaugurate the comfort rooms donated by Unicef.

Gary V joined the Kankanaey and Ibaloi men and women in an eagle dance.

The natives also butchered a pig to ask their god Kabunian to protect and guide their guests.

When Gary V had to politely turn down the rice wine, native cake and pork served him, the elders understood.

Gary V had earlier told the audience that he has been fighting diabetes for 25 years. In fact, during his three-day stay in this province, he had to be injected with insulin twice a day and ate only fruits and vegetables.

"The doctor told me that my eyesight would deteriorate. But I survived and am still fighting this disease. That's why despite the mountainous obstacles you face in life, we can get together, work together for our families and for our children's future," he said.

One-hour walk

In Sagada, residents from far villages walked for one hour and climbed mountains just to watch Gary V's concert at the town church at 9 p.m. last Tuesday.

Most of those in the audience were not familiar with Gary's signature songs like "Shout for Joy," "Take Me Out of the Dark," "Di Na Natuto," but they clapped their hands and cheered him nonetheless.

"We may not understand his songs and could not follow his dance steps. But what we like about him is his sincerity. We are grateful because he exerts effort to reach us and that touches our hearts," a group of women said.

Gary V also played games with the children.

When his wife learned that the school pupils wanted more books, she promised to send boxes of reading materials.

"We own three bookstores in Manila. We can give you the books which my three children no longer need," Angeli said.

Unicef's Hill said being a Unicef ambassador was no joke. He said Unicef officials meticulously screen artists for the job of ambassador.

"He must be a family man. He should preserve the values and teach them to his children. He should set a good example to his family and community," he said.

Asked why he took time to drive his new Land Cruiser from Manila to this remote Mt. Province town, Gary V said: "I enjoy what I'm doing. I learn from other people's cultures. I see the glow in their eyes even if the people are poor. Working with Unicef keeps my feet planted on the ground. The people here inspire me."

House of Sin divided, into 6

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tached) dioceses" of the Archdiocese of Manila.

"Before there was one big archdiocese for all of Metro Manila. Now it will be composed of six dioceses—one archdiocese of Manila and the five dioceses," Papal Nuncio Antonio Franco said in an interview.

The new dioceses will be autonomous but will have a common line of action with the others—"independent but there is coordination and interdependence," Franco said.

Three bishops will each head the new dioceses: Balanga Bishop Honesto Ongtioco for Cubao; Iba Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez for Caloocan, and San Pablo Bishop Francisco San Diego for Pasig.

Sin announced the creation of the new dioceses after an afternoon Mass held at the Sacred Heart Shrine in Makati City in celebration of the 25th year of Pope John Paul II's pontification.

President Macapagal-Arroyo and Vice President Teofisto Guingona were present, seated at opposite ends of a pew.

Ontioco, a native of San Fernando, Pampanga, is the former rector of the Mother of Good Counsel Seminary in Pampanga.

San Diego, born in Obando, Bulacan, once headed the Seminario de San Jose in Puerto Princesa City.

Iñiguez, of Cotabato City, is the treasurer of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines and former chair of its commission on ecumenism.

Sin also announced the appointment of Malolos Bishop Rolando Tria Tirona as prelate bishop of Infanta, Quezon.

Sex scandals

The announcement was made amid allegations that some ranking members of the Catholic Church were involved in sexual improprieties.

The controversy surrounding the Church was the subject of the homily read by Fr. Edwin Mercado, rector of the San Carlos Seminary.

Mercado cited Peter, who denied Jesus but was not blamed or judged when he faced Christ, and the second Vatican Council that, he said, produced a renewed appreciation of Jesus' humanity.

"These help us to see again the profundity of God's love as He incarnated Himself in Jesus to journey in our human history, while revealing the very mystery of our humanity as sinful yet graced, hurting yet called to service," Mercado said.

He added: "Is it any wonder then that after this new reference point in our ecclesiastical life, the pedestal that our leaders once stood on—because people placed them there—has continually been chiseled out so that they may rediscover standing alongside the community as disciples before the Master?

"This is not in humiliation, but in humility ... this carries with it the recognition of our own frailties, sinfulness and weaknesses, perhaps to hear anew poignantly the question that Jesus asks us: 'Do you love?' And that in turn He will say to our hearts, 'Feed my lambs, tend my sheep.'"

Drug addict's ...

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houses of fellow addicts who welcomed him, not exactly out of kindness, but "for the *bato* in my pocket."

Mat did marijuana and "the fad" that was cough syrup through high school and college. He started on shabu after completing college, and thought he could keep the craving manageable ("*papetik-petik lang*") when he later found a high-paying job.

In just two years, the business management graduate rose from marketing assistant to sales manager of a car dealership in Makati.

It reached a point where he would have P180,000 in pocket money on any given day, and he would "flaunt" his drug hoard to his fellow addicts in the office, mainly his subordinates. On lunch breaks they would have *shabu* sessions in his bedroom in his parents' house.

The car dealership closed in 1996. It left him jobless but still with a fat bank account and expensive yuppie "toys" to trade for drugs.

Strangers in the house

Mat's mother, already on to his dangerous vice, became quite a nag, especially upon seeing him letting strangers into the house even as he went unemployed for months.

"But I would always argue with her and show how financially independent I had become," he said. "'How can drugs be bad if I could sustain myself and keep away from trouble?' I would say. Or I would even compare myself with my siblings—the money or cars they had compared to mine."

This rationalizing is a common "phase" among drug users, Mat said. It is particularly evident in those who can "still" afford the habit and see nothing wrong with it so long as they can drive safely, maybe even support dependents, and pose no real harm to society.

"But when the money runs out, that's where the problem begins," he said.

He would end arguments with his mother by promising to quit drugs and find a job—promises that quickly faded like shabu vapor.

Eventually he left his family, worked with an established drug lord, and built a "reputation" for himself for getting close so quickly to a big shot in the trade.

Up to this point, Mat clarified to the INQUIRER, he was pushing drugs "not for the money but to have a steady supply for myself."

He recalled counting money from drugs sold in the streets: "We would start at 9 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. All along I knew that the money, from coins to P1,000 bills, included students' daily allowances, taxi drivers' earnings ..."

By 1997 Mat's partner had gotten caught by the police, ending their enterprise and forcing him to start drawing from his savings to get his fix. Those were the days when the cash, the cars, and his other treasures from the "days of thunder" started to go.

Relying on his old contacts, he tried to start his own business but proved too weak to fight the urge to consume his own goods.

Once, down with only P500 worth of shabu in hand, he thought of using a fifth of the supply and selling the rest, again for P500. But at day's end the business strategy and the self-control it required had literally gone up in smoke.

"To think I was a management graduate," he said wryly. "That's the difference between an addict and a pusher. The pusher is just out to make money; the true addict can never succeed as a pusher."

Moving around

Mat moved from one squatter area to another—the longest time spent in Quiapo—limiting his movements to dark *eskinitas*.

Rumors of a fresh supply in the neighborhood would send him knocking on someone's shanty even in the wee hours of the morning.

One of the better spaces he took refuge in was his then girlfriend's bedroom—and that part of her house only. By some feat of stealth, Mat said, they were able to keep his presence secret from her family during his entire two-month stay. He practically "lived inside her *aparador* (closet)" to avoid discovery.

His remaining loyal friends once took him to a casino, where he won P20,000. He spent every peso on shabu, leaving nothing for long-foregone essentials like a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap. The supply lasted him only three days.

Mat also did delivery service for illegal gun dealers to make quick cash.

He got busted by police twice, but there was always some moneyed friend with connections to help him bribe his way out of jail. Within an hour of his release he would be doing drugs again.

On his third time to be detained, at Fort Bonifacio in August 2001, Mat phoned a woman friend whom he last saw six months before. And he was "rescued" for good.

The friend turned out to have been a rehab patient during the last six months. She, along with a rehab center counselor and a psychiatrist working for the National Bureau of Investigation, arranged his release.

And it was on the road from Fort Bonifacio that he discovered that something called the MRT had risen on Edsa during his drug-crazed years.

For almost five years, Mat never saw or talked with his family, especially his mother. "Now I'm thankful that she has at least seen me like this [rehabilitated] before she passes away," he said.

People who don't know about his past tend to think of the still single Mat as gay. He is no longer optimistic about finding a regular job, but sees himself devoting his future to helping other addicts recover.

"I'm just trying to start life again after throwing one away," he said.

15,718 busted for drugs in past year —PDEA

A TOTAL of 15,718 people were arrested on drugs-related charges in the Philippines from July 30, 2002, to June 28 this year, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) said in a statement released yesterday.

The PDEA said it had nabbed 8,881 suspected drug users, 6,803 suspected pushers, as well as drug cultivators and importers, starting July 30 last year.

It did not provide comparative figures for the previous period.

Among those arrested were 19 Chinese nationals, four Americans, three Taiwan nationals, three Pakistanis, two Indonesians, the PDEA statement said.

Also arrested were one national each of Australia, Britain, South Korea, Germany, Brazil, Israel, Japan and Jordan.

P4.6B

More than P4.6 billion in illegal drugs, chemicals and equipment for drug manufacture were also seized from July 30, the PDEA said.

The haul included marijuana leaves and seeds, cocaine, Ecstasy tablets and methamphetamine hydrochloride, popularly known as shabu or "ice."

The PDEA said that in August, it busted one of 11 transnational drug syndicates operating in the Philippines and deported the ringleader to Japan.

Thirty-seven of some 215 local drug rings had also been "neutralized" since July 30, the agency added. *AFP*

Filipino Siamese twins split in Taiwan

TAIPEI—A pair of Filipino twin girls joined at the chest and abdomen were separated after six hours of surgery in a hospital in eastern Taiwan Saturday, hospital officials said.

One-year-old Awel Lea Grace Banatao and Awel Rachel Frances Banatao, who shared a liver, were severed at around 4 p.m. at the Tzu Chi Buddhist General Hospital in Hualien.

"The operation has been very successful. No blood transfusion was needed in the process, and the separation of the liver was performed very smoothly," Tzu Chi deputy superintendent Chang Yao-jen told a press conference.

Doctors said almost no complication would occur as the sisters had two separate vascular systems.

Tzu Chi had offered to perform the surgery for the girls after one of its volunteer medics met them at a Philippine children's hospital in January, when the hospital was raising funds to finance the expensive surgery.

The girls were admitted to hospital April 17, accompanied by their mother. *AFP*

Now it's 'anti-drug junta'

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He presented Lina, Avenido and Aglipay as the "junta against illegal drugs" or the "fighting team."

"We want to focus on the problem and the solutions, not on the personalities," Lina said.

Of Lim, Tiglao said that there was never any appointment made, and that the President would decide if there would be a need for it. He said only Jaylo's appointment was certain at the moment.

Lim, a former mayor of Manila, was to have been appointed presidential adviser on illegal drugs on the recommendation of Barbers, chair of the Senate oversight committee, who was to have been the "anti-drug czar."

"Right now [the President] feels that we have very capable institutions with an anti-drug [mandate] and very capable officials on board already," Tiglao said in explaining the absence of Barbers and Lim at the command conference.

Barbers, however, said Malacañang had invited him to the meeting.

Reached by phone yesterday in Surigao City, he said someone from the office of Press Undersecretary Bobby Capco had called up his aide the other day.

"I was told to attend a meeting in Malacañang. But since I'm already here [in Surigao], I begged off," Barbers said.

He refused to comment on the Palace's decision not to invite Lim, Jaylo and Margallo.

Valued advice

Tiglao said the advice of Barbers, Lim and Margallo would be "very much valued," but that they would have to give this advice to Avenido and not to the President.

Asked what made Ms Macapagal change her mind about appointing Barbers and Lim, he said: "There was no change in the mind of the President. There was a proposal that was not acted upon immediately. The point here is, let's not get distracted with these personalities."

Tiglao said Ms Macapagal emphasized at the command conference that the anti-drugs campaign would be carried out by the DDB chaired by Lina and the PDEA under the supervision of the Office of the President.

The organizational structure was made clear to everyone, he said. The DDB, which is directly under the Office of the President, is the policy-making body on the campaign, and the PDEA is the operational arm.

"The basic change in the past several weeks is that the President has authorized the formation of task forces," Tiglao said. "The main task force will be under the PNP (Philippine National Police). Other task forces will be set up, but these will also be supervised by the PDEA."

Avenido said he was preparing the papers for the appointment of Jaylo and one or two others to the PDEA.

He also said he has been consulting with Lim despite the absence of a formal appointment, and would continue to do so.

Five Fs

At the command conference, the President gave the PDEA and the PNP the "Five Fs to win the war against drugs."

She said these were:

- Focus on the enemy and the vision of a drug-free Philippines by 2010.
- Forget the past and stop bickering.
- Fight everybody in the illegal drugs trade, be they rich or poor, civilian or in the government, and get the citizenry involved in the campaign.
- Be Forceful and do not let the drug personalities lord it over your own areas and jurisdiction.
- Be Forthright in fighting drugs.

Tiglao said the PDEA and the PNP listed the drug syndicates to be targeted.

Avenido reiterated that authorities had identified 175 local drug syndicates, a third of which the PDEA aimed to neutralize in three months.

He reported that 35 drug syndicates had so far been neutralized since July last year. *(See story on this page.)*

Lina clarified that the three months would not be the end of the campaign but only the time allotted to see significant results.

"So it's never a deadline. It is a program of action, after which we want to see significant accomplishments," he said.

Vigilantes

Anti-drug officials have cautioned the government against tapping "vigilante groups" in the campaign against illegal drugs.

"It's not yet time to use vigilante groups; that's a violation of the law. It would be a pity if those victimized by these groups turn out to be innocent," Assistant Secretary Rodolfo Caisip, PDEA deputy chief for operations, said Friday night on "Special Edition," a public affairs show on ABS-CBN.

Caisip also said the PDEA, the PNP Anti-Narcotics Task Force and the anti-drug units of other law enforcement agencies should be given "the chance" to carry out their roles before the idea of using vigilantes is considered.

Undersecretary Efren Fernandez, DDB executive director, agreed with Caisip's view.

"We will have more problems than when we started. We're creating another monster; we will not subscribe to that," Fernandez, former director of the defunct Narcotics Group, said in a phone interview.

But he said he would agree to the use of vigilante groups if they would serve as mere sources of information on drug syndicates and pushers.

A suspected drug trafficker was killed in Quezon City a few days ago, and speculation swirled that a vigilante group was behind it.

Caisip also brushed off speculation that the PDEA resented the expected appointment of Jaylo and Margallo as directors of the agency's "special operations group."

"We believe that they will be a big help in the anti-drug campaign," he said.

Avenido had earlier said that Jaylo and Margallo would have to undergo drug tests and work under the PDEA's strict rules if their appointments pushed through.

Closed-door meeting

In Davao City, Sen. Rodolfo Biazon suggested a closed-door meeting between the feuding Barbers and Sen. Panfilo Lacson to spare the Senate from additional trouble.

Apparently fed up by his two colleagues' exchange of accusations over alleged involvement in the illegal drugs trade, Biazon raised the idea to Sen. Juan Flavier.

"I asked Senator Flavier to [ask Senate President Franklin] Drilon and other leaders of the chamber to initiate steps to reconcile the two," Biazon told the INQUIRER.

He said the conflict between Barbers and Lacson has grown into a personal animosity that, if left to fester, would harm the Senate. *With reports from Michael Lim Ubac and TJ Burgonio in Manila; Dennis Jay C. Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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SUBJECT : Guidelines on the Implementation of Value- Added Tax (VAT) on Sale of Services by Persons Engaged in the Practice of Profession or Calling and Professional Services Rendered by General Professional Partnerships, etc.

The provisions of Section 244 and 108 of Republic Act No. 8424, otherwise known as Tax Reform Act of 1997 and other pertinent provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997 as amended by Republic Act 9010 imposed and implemented the Value- Added Tax (VAT) on sale of services by persons engaged in the practice of profession or calling and professional services rendered by general professional partnerships, etc.

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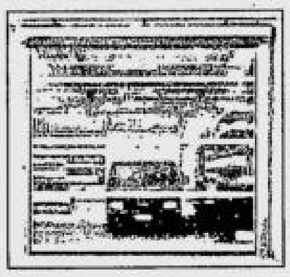
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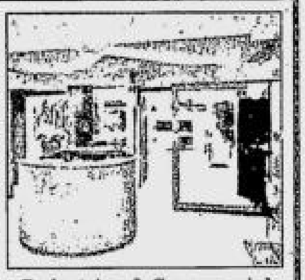
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Tough measures vs prisons drug trade

By Cynthia D. Balana and Michael Lim Ubac

SUSPENSION of jail guards, a Senate inquiry to unmask officials protecting the drug trade, and stricter security measures.

These are some of the measures that have been suggested by lawmakers in reaction to the discovery of a thriving drug trade within the National Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa.

Rep. Prospero Nograles yesterday sought the immediate suspension of jail guards at Bilibid after Bureau of Corrections Director Dionisio Santiago himself revealed that illegal drugs, particularly shabu, are being manufactured right inside the maximum security compound.

Nograles said that it was impossible that NBP Supt. Francisco Abunales and other NBP officials had no prior knowledge of the existence of a shabu laboratory in their jurisdiction.

Two senators, meanwhile, pushed for a Senate inquiry into the matter.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan, chair of the Senate committee on justice and human rights, and Senate Majority Leader Loren Legarda, said the investigation seeks to immediately unmask the identities of prison officials who served as protectors of the illegal trade.

Pangilinan and Legarda will file separate Senate resolutions calling for the inquiry this week.

On Friday, President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered a periodic mandatory drug testing on all prisoners and prison officials.

The President warned that members of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology who tested positive for illegal drugs would be immediately dismissed.

"The presence of illegal drugs in the NBP underscores the seriousness of the drug problem in the country," said Pangilinan.

Legarda, for her part, said that besides a Senate inquiry, the justice department should conduct a separate full-blown investigation.

She said it was possible that convicted drug traffickers colluded with prisons officials.

"I hope that these crackdowns on illegal activities inside prison compounds are not just *ningas-kogon*," Legarda said, explaining that those involved in them just lie low for a while and resume their operations once the public's attention is no longer focused on them.

Nograles said the Philippine Drug Enforcement Authority (PDEA) should get into the picture and investigate Santiago's predecessor, former Corrections Director Ricardo Macala, who was sacked recently for alleged anomalous activities.

Nograles also urged Santiago to impose stricter security measures in the country's prison facilities, covering not only the prisoners and their visitors but the prison guards as well.

He added that unusual amenities and special treatment being accorded to wealthy prisoners should now be stopped.

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TRAFFIC ROW

Heed Palace, mayors told

By Leila B. Salaverria

LISTEN to Malacañang.

This was the appeal a transport group made yesterday to Metro Manila mayors after presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said the Metro Manila Development Authority still has control over traffic management in the metropolis as stated in a Department of Justice opinion.

Malacañang's statement came a day after Metro Manila mayors, acting as a council, decided to take over traffic management and the issuance of traffic violation receipts in their localities.

The move was opposed by transport groups.

Zenaida Maranan, president of the Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Associations of the Philippines (Fejodap), said the mayors should respect the President's position on the issue.

"When you heed the President, it's as if you heeded the call of your constituents," Maranan said in a phone interview yesterday, addressing the mayors.

She pointed out that members of transport groups are also constituents of the mayors.

She also said Fejodap is against having the 17 cities and municipalities issuing their own tickets because of the burden such a system will bear on the drivers.

"The single ticketing system should only be under the MMDA," she added, expressing fears that if the mayors take over ticketing, the number of mulcting incidents will skyrocket.

For her part, Integrated Metro Bus Operators Association (Imboa) president Claire dela Fuente also expressed delight at Malacañang's announcement.

Meanwhile, Makati Mayor and former MMDA Chair Jejomar Binay criticized the DOJ opinion, saying it had not taken into account the jurisprudence created by the Supreme Court in the MMDA vs. Bel Air case wherein the high tribunal ruled that the MMDA could not take over the streets in the posh subdivision.

"It was merely an opinion, not a court ruling," Binay said.

The DOJ has issued a legal opinion expressly saying that the MMDA has the authority to implement the single ticketing system, as clearly stated in its charter.

Trader killed; wife lives to tell story

A CHINESE businessman and his wife were attacked on Wednesday night by three men and a woman in their rented house in Valenzuela City, and then left for dead in Talavera town in Nueva Ecija, police said.

Police said De Lyn Yong, 38, died from severe beatings but his wife, Qing Luli-li, 38, survived. Their bodies were found at Barangay Bagong Silang in Talavera on Thursday morning.

Chief Insp. Sidney Villaflor, Talavera police chief, yesterday said the businessman was struck with a steel jack in the head while his wife was stabbed.

With their hands and feet tied with nylon cord and their faces covered with cloth, they were taken in a Nissan Patrol to a rice field in Talavera where residents found them, Villaflor said.

The place where the bodies were found was about 100 meters from the highway near the boundary of the Science City of Munoz.

Residents found De already dead. Qing, who was barely breathing, was taken to a hospital in Talavera. The woman, who had difficulty speaking in English and Filipino, asked the police to call a relative in Pandi, Bulacan, to interpret her narration of the events.

Police suspect robbery as the motive of the attack. The suspects reportedly ransacked the house before they fled to Talavera. The Nissan Patrol they used was later found abandoned in San Jose City. *Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Refugees learn, live in QC overpass

By Luige del Puerto

A 12-YEAR-OLD girl was reading by the light of a bulb which could hardly put a shine on the history book she was holding. But the girl was intent on finishing her assignment.

In a corner of the Cubao, Quezon City overpass that connects the Farmers Plaza Mall to the Light Rail Transit line 3, the girl, her two sisters and brother were scribbling on their notebooks, preparing for next day's classes. It was after 10 p.m. and soon they would be retiring on laid out pieces of carton which they use as beds.

"I want to be a teacher when I grow up," the girl said. "I learn so many things at school. I want to be able to teach children too."

Every now and then, one of them would go to their mother—who had her peddling box in front of her—to cuddle.

The overpass has served as the children's home and study from Mondays to Fridays, ever since they started schooling at the Cubao Elementary School, said Candido, their father.

Candido, a devout Muslim, asked that the identities of the children be withheld so that they would not suffer the stigma of poor refugees. He said that he does not want his children's schoolmates to find out that he and his wife are tawas and cigarette vendors, and that they live in an overpass.

"We can't afford to bring the children home everyday to Baclaran because the transportation alone would cost us almost P100," Candido said in Filipino.

"Besides, we pity the children. We don't want to wake them up at 3 a.m. to prepare for school. At least here (Cubao underpass), they can wake up at around 5 a.m."

Candido, who is from Marawi City, said that he wants to give his children a good education. That is why his family is putting up with the difficult life here. The 40-year-old father said he does odd jobs for rich Muslim families at times so he can continue sending his children to school.

"The education here is good," Candido said. "In our place, you will learn very little. Besides, there is a war there. I don't want my children to grow in the midst of war.

But more than a formal education, Candido said he wants his children to live the cosmopolitan life.

"There are so many new things here, like a cell phone. The world is changing so fast," he said. "I want my children to catch up, to adapt and to carve a good life here."

When the children grow older, Candido said, he plans to bring them to Mindanao, "so they can also learn our culture."

"I want them to grow up not just as good Muslims, but as learned citizens, too."

Candido added that he will give his children the freedom to pursue the life they want, not the life his clan in Mindanao wants.

"My relatives in Mindanao wants me to come home and let my children study there," Candido said. "If we go home, there are so many restrictions. I don't want that."

At a distance, the children seemed oblivious of the condition or the environment they are in. Candido said he knows this is not exactly a good time to be a Muslim in Metro Manila.

"But I have to take this risk if I want my family to have a better life."

METROBRIEFS

Jollibee warns of scam

JOLLIBEE Foods Corp. is warning the public anew against persons who go from door to door persuading parents to enroll their children in Jollibee's Superkids Club for a nominal fee. Claro F. Certeza, Jollibee vice president for Corporate Affairs, said the company has not authorized door-to-door solicitation for Superkids Club. The warning came after Jollibee received reports that a person in Jollibee uniform has been going to houses in Caloocan and Quezon City, duping parents to pay up to P200, supposedly as club membership fee. Certeza said Jollibee does not send out its employees to solicit. All payments must be made in Jollibee outlets only. Jollibee is asking the public to report these to its corporate affairs office at 688-7177 or 688-7074.

Hit by a billboard

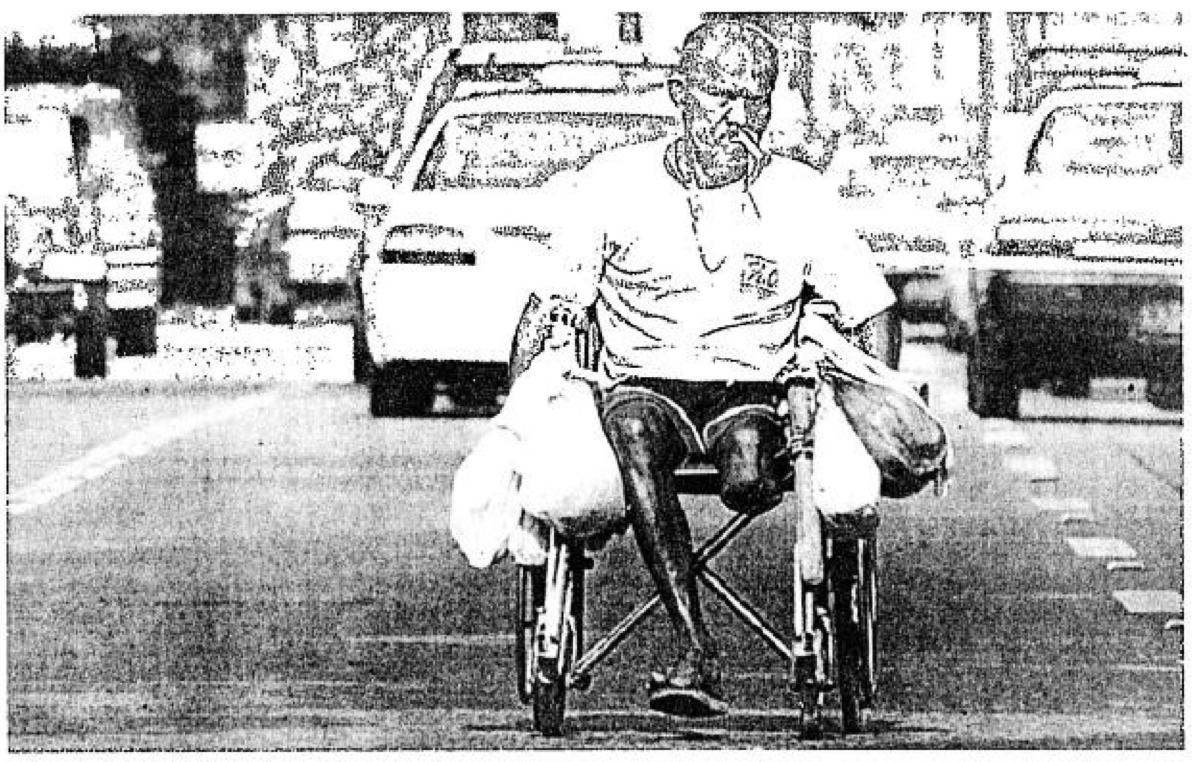
STUDENT Leomar Sevilla of Navotas is now in critical condition after a billboard measuring 1-meter x 3-meter fell on him as he was walking by the Victory Liner Compound in Caloocan City yesterday. Police said a strong gust of wind toppled the 10-foot iron metal sheet and fell on Sevilla, 14, at around 4 p.m. at the entrance of the bus terminal on Rizal Avenue Extension, Caloocan. Policemen took Sevilla to the Manila Central University for treatment. *Tina Santos*

Riled over incentives delay

AN ORGANIZATION of policemen on Friday protested the long-delayed disbursement of incentive commission for traffic enforcers in the metropolis. According to SPO2 Antonio Emmanuel, spokesperson of the Manila's Finest Brotherhood Association Inc. (MFBAI), traffic policemen have enjoyed a 20-percent incentive commission for every issuance of a traffic violation receipt (TVR) to an erring driver. Emmanuel said that the incentive has been allocated to deter mulcting, or "kotong," among the lawmen. The MFBAI spokesperson said that the incentives for enforcers have been delayed since October 2002. He said the TVR commissions, amounting to millions of pesos, would help boost traffic enforcers' morale and encourage them to do their jobs well. *Margaux Ortiz*

In the name of comfort

BARANGAY authorities on Friday caught two car mechanics sawing off the seat of a city councilor's jeep in Pasig City. Welder Edwin Hungaya and mechanic Cesar Rabeles, said they only wanted to use the stainless steel seat in their drinking sessions. The two, however, admitted they "forgot" to ask the permission of Councilor Joy San Buenaventura, owner of the jeep. Barangay Pinagbuhatan watchmen accosted Rabeles and Hungayan on E. Santos corner Baltazar streets, as soon as the suspects finished sawing off the jeep's seat, police said. *Luige del Puerto*



UNDAUNTED

With a careworn look on his face, this beggar propels himself on a wheelchair in the middle of UN Avenue in Manila, oblivious to the bustle of traffic going on around him. The beggar has been going from trash heap to another, scouring for reusable materials.

ERIK ARAZAS

Human jigsaw

By Margaux Ortiz

HELP us piece this dreadful puzzle.

Western Police District investigators yesterday called on Metro Manila residents to help investigators solve a crime that has been baffling them for over a month now.

Lawmen have failed to figure out the identity of the woman whose torso was found floating in the Pasig River on May 30.

According to Insp. Norberto Obrero, two legs and a female arm were discovered floating in the same river weeks later.

Obrero said that the limbs of the victim were cleanly cut, which led police to believe that the suspects were professional killers.

"We are asking families who have a missing female family member to contact us and provide us with a specimen fingerprint of their relative," Obrero said.

Obrero said that the investigators may be reached through the WPD Homicide Section's direct line: 524-4311.

Camanava execs skeptical of quarantine measure

By Tina Santos

NORTHERN Metro Manila mayors are skeptical of the quarantine proposal which is being pushed as an effective measure against illegal drug traders.

Navotas Mayor Toby Tiangco said it would be difficult to enforce quarantine in his town.

"Drug-risk areas should be identified first," Tiangco said. "But my concern is, what about the residents who are not using drugs? They will be affected."

He added that quarantine may prove to be effective in Marikina only because its local government has been effectively enforcing its ordinances.

"City officials get to implement even the obscure ordinances," Tiangco said in Filipino. "Let's do it that way, let's take one step at a time."

Tiangco said that he has already directed barangay officials to strictly implement municipal ordinances.

"Let's first create an orderly environment so it would be easy for us to pinpoint the drug suspects," he said.

In Caloocan, Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo thinks that the proposed quarantine may not be applicable, saying that his city is simply "too big."

According to the National Capital Region Police Office, the Monumento area in Caloocan City is one of the so-called drug hot spots in Metro Manila.

"But how can you place Monumento under quarantine? The place is too big and too many people pass through the area everyday," Malonzo told INQUIRER.

The Caloocan mayor said what is needed in the fight against illegal drugs is the establishment of a reliable intelligence network and effective evidence gathering to prosecute the suspects.

In Malabon City, Mayor Amado Vicencio said they have placed one area, Sulukan in Barangay Hulong Duhat, under "tight watch."

He said anti-narcotic operatives have been deployed as "watchers" in practically "every nook and cranny" of the area.

He added that the watchers have been tasked to monitor the place and keep a tag on suspicious individuals.

But Vicencio also refused to describe the program as quarantine.

"Quarantine is a harsher measure," Vicencio said, adding that the program will be evaluated after two weeks.

LRTA cries foul over 'sabotage'

THE RECENT service interruptions that had hit the Light Rail Transit Line 1 route could have been due to acts of sabotage, according to the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA).

In a statement faxed to the INQUIRER yesterday, the LRTA said the interruptions and technical difficulties happened after the LRTA took over the maintenance work of Line 1 (Baclaran-Monumento route) from the contractor Transurb Technirail on May 16.

On May 30 and June 10, LRT service runs were interrupted due to unauthorized activation of emergency switches of the trains' doors.

Rodrigo Bulario, officer in charge of the LRTA Operations and Engineering Department, said they would ask Technirail to explain the occurrence of what LRTA termed as "acts of sabotage".

For instance, when Technirail's contract expired, it turned over to the LRTA 16 units of "chopper control electronics" which were termed "good" but which were found later to be defective.

The LRTA also discovered that the plastic covers on the pressure switches in all the trains were missing, thus exposing these to dust and water. Their exposure to dust and water was the main cause of electric braking failures during the recent heavy rains.

The LRTA also found some air-conditioning units of Adtranz trains disabled due to grounded parts such as compressors.

A Manila court has earlier thrown out a petition by supporters of Technirail to stop the LRTA from taking over the maintenance of Line 1.

Regional Trial Court acting Presiding Judge Oscar Barrientos of Branch 26, said the petitioners "failed to prove the necessity and urgency for the issuance of a temporary retraining order (TRO)."

A Benedictine monk in Metro's asphalt jungle

By Raul J. Palabrica

HE WEARS a polo barong and a salakot (native hat from Bohol) when he gives Holy Communion to the sick and the elderly, or when he conducts bible classes in the community.

The hat, he said, is to protect his head against the fierce sun, something that Fr. Vincent Commeleran, chaplain of St. Benedict College in Alabang, Muntinlupa, had not gotten used to after more than five decades in the Philippines.

But after having lived here since 1952, Fr. Ole, as he wants to be called, feels he is a bona fide member of Filipino society, even though he has kept his Spanish citizenship.

Fr. Ole was one of eight 16-year-old Spanish youths who got off the Norwegian cargo ship Tai Ping Yang at the Manila pier in November 1952 to join the Benedictine order of the Catholic Church in the Philippines.

They went straight to the Abbey of Our Lady of Monserrat in Mendiola, Manila, where the San Beda College presently stands, to undergo academic and theological education.

Only Fr. Ole is what's left of the eight would-be monks. Some failed to meet the requirements of priesthood, others became monks but left the Benedictine order to become secular priests. Then there were those who had served as priests but withdrew their sacred vows to get married.

FATHER Ole

The lone holdout, Fr. Ole, at the start of his novitiate, had chosen the religious name Olegario in honor of St. Olaguer, a former bishop of Barcelona in Spain. Like the saint, Fr. Ole is a native of Barcelona.

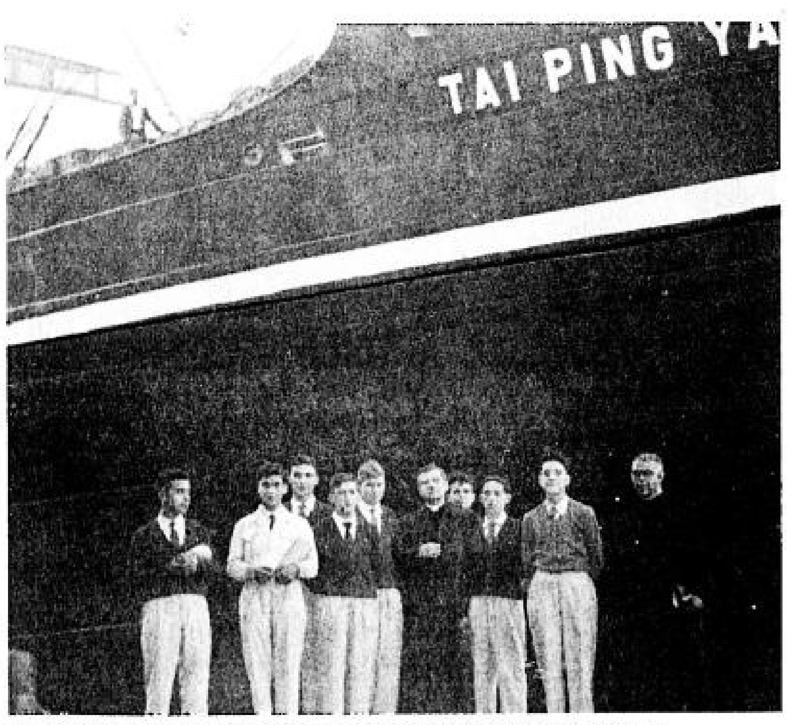
His lean six-foot frame and well-trimmed beard are a familiar sight to the students of St. Benedict College (former Benedictine Abbey School), the retarded children of Elsie Gaches Center, and the battered women at Marilac Hills Center, all in Alabang. His heavy Castilian accent, which has remained unchanged, is well known to the faithful who attend religious services at the St. Benedict Church.

While still a novice, Fr. Ole was designated as the monastery's postmaster. He was in charge of the collection, and mailing and distribution of the monks' letters. The task was his initiation to the Benedictine's motto of Ora et Labora, or pray and work.

But Fr. Ole turned out to be bigger than the mail room. His talent for designing furniture and interior was discovered by his superiors when they saw his sketches of the cabinets built to house the gadgets he used to distribute mail in the monastery.

This talent proved valuable when he went to Jolo in the early 60's to help reconstruct the Cathedral of Jolo, specifically the redesign of the cathedral's altar and pulpit.

The trip also proved to be a beautiful experience for Fr. Ole. "Muslims and Christians lived in perfect harmony, respecting each other's religious and social beliefs," he said, speaking in heavily accented English. "Some prominent Muslim families even sent their children to the Catholic school inside the church premises."



THE young would-be Benedictine monks upon their arrival in Manila.

Next stop for the monk was Samar where the bishop had sent him to help beautify the interiors of the Cathedral of Christ the King in Calbayog.

Back in Manila, Fr. Ole was then tapped to design the extension of the living space of the Benedictines in their sanctuary in Mediola. He also helped built what is now the St. Benedict College in Alabang.

Fr. Ole left for Spain in 1962 to visit his family which he had not seen for more than a decade. He returned in 1973 when the Philippines was still under martial law. In 1974, the Benedictines broke ground at Alabang Hills Village in Muntinlupa City to construct the Benedictine Abbey School for grade school students. Later, the school was expanded to include high school and college courses and became the St. Benedict College.

Fr. Ole handled religion classes in various grades and acted as officer-in-charge of the college from 1983 to 1985. He remembers with pride the students he once taught in San Beda College and in St. Benedict College, who have become successful in their chosen professions.

The future holds bright plans for Fr. Ole. He will continue with his pastoral work "live up to the vow of obedience I took when I joined the Benedictine order many years ago."

He hopes the Philippines would be his final stop, saying that he "had chosen to live his life with the Benedictine monks" here.

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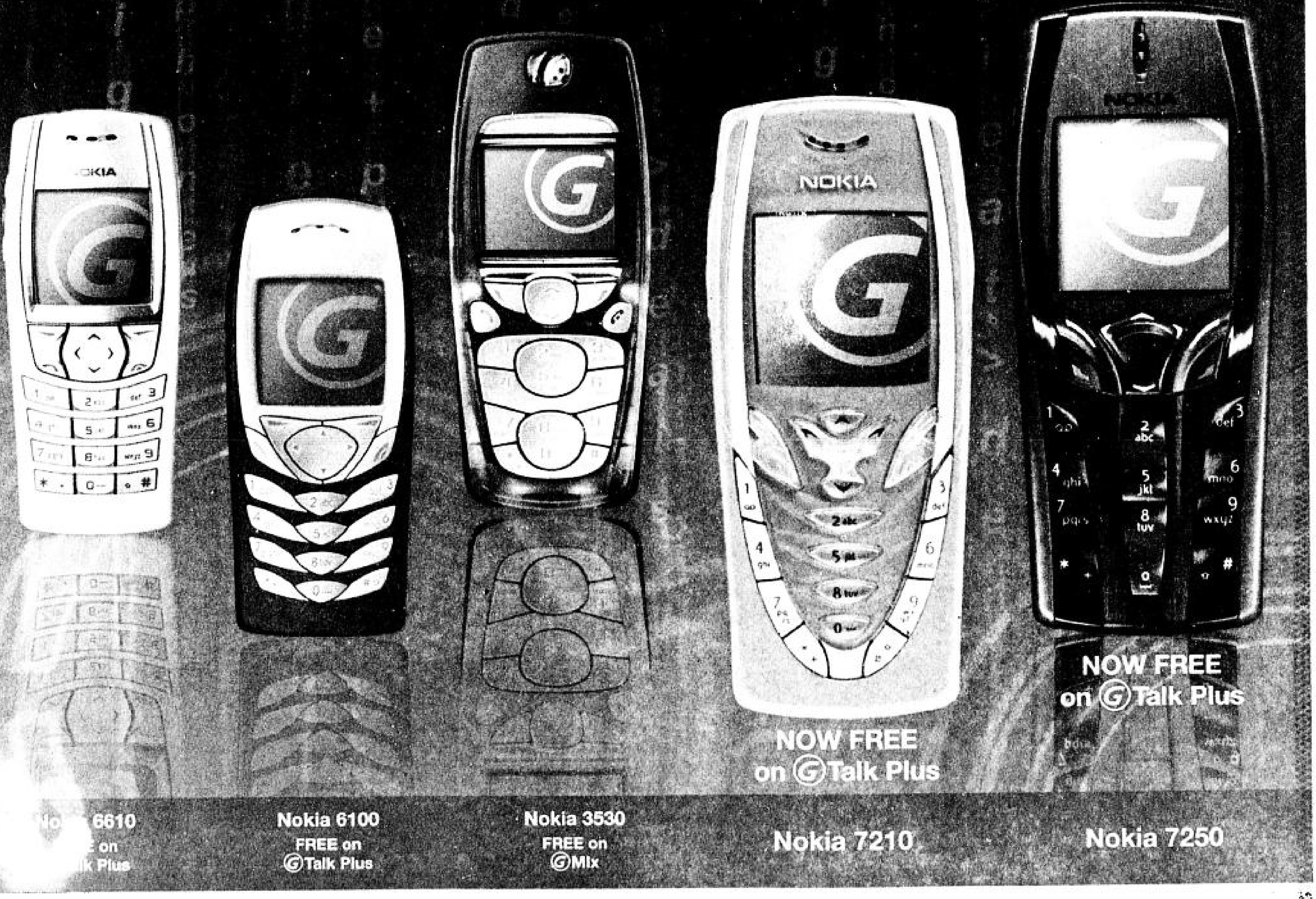

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GMA okays 482 bets to Vietnam SEA Games

PSC assures full funding; Buhain-Dayrit meeting set

By Marc Anthony Reyes

IT WAS the national athletes who emerged triumphant after all.

President Macapagal-Arroyo approved yesterday the participation of 482 athletes to the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games in December, in the process ending the worsening feud over the composition of the RP contingent by the country's two sports bodies.

With the presidential blessing came the assurance from the Philippine Sports Commission of full funding support for all the athletes, who were chosen and endorsed by the screening committee of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) early in the week.

PSC chair Eric Buhain, who was instructed by the Chief Executive to support all the athletes, has also invited POC president Celso Dayrit to a meeting on Wednesday, July 2, to discuss other pertinent details of the country's SEAG campaign. Dayrit said he's going to attend the meeting set at the wushu office inside the Rizal Memorial sports complex.

Both Buhain and Dayrit thanked the President for showing her concern for the national athletes and acknowledging the sacrifices they've made to be able to compete in the biennial sportsfest.

Buhain insisted, however, that the agency will support only a limited number of officials accompanying the athletes. Traditionally, the number of officials is one half of the total list of athletes.

MS MACAPAGAL

BUHAIN

DAYRIT

Until Ms Macapagal intervened, Buhain was adamant in funding only those who passed the criteria of either a silver in the 2001 SEAG in Malaysia or a bronze in the 2002 Asian Games. Only 279 athletes have passed this strict standard so far.

Using a more lenient and relaxed criteria, the POC came up with a roster of 361 athletes with 91 more expected to make it before the September deadline for the final submission of entries.

In a letter to the President Friday, Dayrit said it was gratifying "to note your concern and continued support for our national athletes, who are all sacrificing and striving hard to bring honor to our country."

He said the athletes deserve all the admiration of the Filipino people "for their commitment to sports and dedication to the flag."

The projected 482-man delegation is the biggest RP contingent since the 1999 Brunei Games, where the country fielded 258. The national contingent in the 2001 SEAG in Malaysia was 359.

With an initial budget of P40 million for the plane fare and accommodation of athletes and officials, the PSC is now under pressure to look for additional funds to finance the expanded lineup.

Buhain said he and Dayrit will compare notes from their separate committee meetings and will later bring the POC list to the President.

The POC and the PSC have been at odds also over the issue of tapping sponsors and the use of Team Philippines for marketing purposes.

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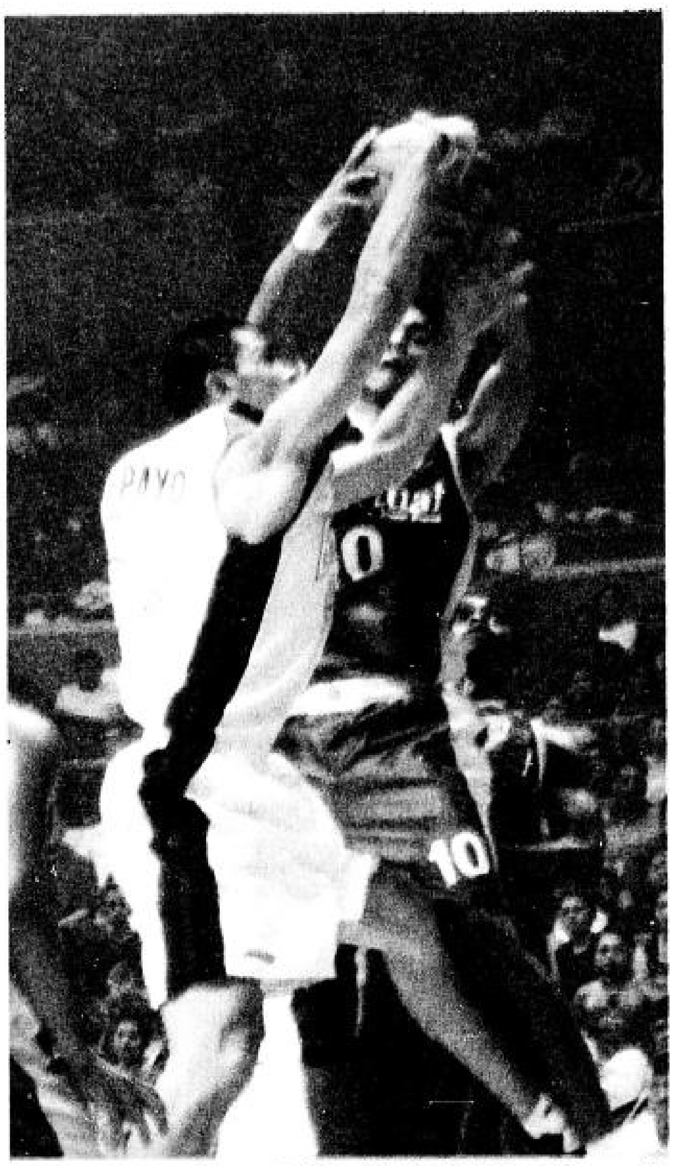
Altas stun Blazers; Stags rip Bombers



ST. BENILDE'S Al Magpayo (left) gets blocked by Robert Barnson of UPH-R in the opener. UPH-R won, 76-69. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

GAMES TOMORROW
(*Rizal Memorial Coliseum*)
11:30 a.m.—CSB vs UPHR (Jrs)
1:15 p.m.—SSC vs JRU (Jrs)
3 p.m.—SBC vs PCU (Jrs)
4:45 p.m.—Mapua vs Letran (Jrs)

By June Navarro

UNIVERSITY of Perpetual Help-Rizal pulled off a great escape act from the free throw line to slip past College of St. Benilde, 76-69, yesterday at the start of the 79th NCAA season at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Altas cooly sank eight of their 10 freebies just as the Blazers threatened from an 18-point deficit in the final quarter.

Skipper Marcel Cuenco accounted for five of those free throws, Bong Botin sank two and rookie Robert Barnson split his charities as the Altas opened the season with aplomb, a statement they wanted to make after finishing 1-13 last year.

Defending champion San Sebastian College opened defense of its crown on an auspicious note as the Stags repulsed Jose Rizal University, 81-77, in the other game.

"I capitalized on the attitude of my players. St. Benilde seemed bent on taking the game away but my boys showed what character was all about," said UPHR coach Bai Cristobal in Tagalog.

The Altas, who led by twin digits in the third quarter until the start of the final period, saw their lead whittle down as the Blazers engineered a 20-5 run through the efforts of Allan Capati, Al Magpayo, Kris Robles and Louie Abad.

A LETRAN cheerleader is thrown high up into the air during the NCAA opening yesterday. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Their sudden collapse was triggered by the body cramps that hit the Altas' reliable ballhandlers–rookie Khiel Misa and Dom Javier–in the closing minutes of the third quarter, allowing the Blazers to piece together a gallant effort of turning things around.

With a little help from Barnson, who topscored for the Altas with 17 points, Misa and Javier anchored an offensive attack that had them erecting a 56-42 spread at the end of the third quarter.

But as Misa and Javier battled with cramps on the bench, the Altas failed to restore order on their offensive patterns, committing several turnover and throwing away a couple of loose balls that ignited the Blazers' rally.

Yet when the Blazers were close from reversing their fate, Cuenco, Botin and Bamson joined hands to rescue the Altas.

The 6-foot-3 Cuenco, a nephew of the late PBA superstar Rey Cuenco, took charge after the Blazers gained the upperhand, 69-68, with a minute and 36 ticks left.

Cuenco broke the Altas' four-minute silence with successive free throws.

ASIAN ZONAL

Antonio, 3 other Filipinos eye title

By Roy Luarca

GM Joey Antonio led four Filipinos in title-contention going to the final round of the Asian Zonal 3.2a chess championships at the First Hotel in Ho Chih Minh City, Vietnam.

The 42-year-old Antonio, the Philippines' highest rated player, dealt compatriot Ronald Dableo his first loss in Round Eight Friday night to share top spot with his victim in the tournament which serves as a qualifier to next year's world championships.

Both Antonio and Dableo have 6 points to pace the 36-man field.

"I needed the win (over Dableo) *para* at least *may* alternative *ako sa* last round *na mai-draw ko ang laro ko para sa posibleng* playoff. *Kung nag-draw agad kami*, play for win *ako sa* last round, " said Antonio, who topped the 1999 Asian Zonals in Myanmar.

If any consolation, the 24-year-old Dableo is already assured of the international master title by meeting the 75 percent points requirement of the Fide (World Chess Federation).

Also in pursuit of the crown at 5.5 points are GM Bong Villamayor and GM-candidate Mark Paragua, who subdued their Vietnamese opponents.

ANTONIO

Villamayor, a co-winner of the 2001 edition of the annual event, beat IM Pham Minh Hoang while Paragua trounced Pham Chuong.

Top seeded Singapore GM Wu Shaobin streaked to his third straight victory and stayed in the running with Indon IM Sadikin Irwanto, also at 5.5 points.

Antonio faces Shaobin while Dableo meets Irwanto in the ninth round today. Paragua tackles IM Salor Sitanggang (5) while Villamayor battles Pham Chuong (5).

Tie or ties will be resolved via rapid chess playoff or playoffs, according to international arbiter Gene Poliarco.

Though out of the running, GM Eugene Torre did not lose his will to win as he downed Vietnamese protege Le Quang Liem and climbed to 5 points.

WIM Arianne Caoili also dropped out of contention in the women's division when she yielded to Nguyen Thi Thanh An.

Caoili stayed at 5 points and can't catch up with An (6.5) even if she beats Le Kieu Thien Kim (5) today.

The tournament took a break yesterday.

Gatus, 5 others share lead in Petilla chess

TACLOBAN CITY—Untitled Edmundo Gatus beat NM Elwin Retanal in the sixth round Friday to share the lead with five others in the 2003 Gov. Remedios Padilla chess championships at the SMED Building Capitol Grounds here.

The Department of Public Works and Highways and Mandaluyong City mainstay prevailed in 43 moves of a Slav defense to raise his total to 5 points that put him in the company of top seed IM Chito Garma, No. 2 IM Richard Bitoon, No. 6 NM Rolly Martinez, No. 9 NM Ronald Llavanes and No. 10 Ernesto Fernandez.

Garma and Martinez drew after 43 moves of a Sicilian Defense, while Bitoon beat Rustum Tolentino in 58 moves of a Philidors Defense. Llavanes bested NM Rodolfo Diaz in 51 moves of a Caro-kann defense while Fernandez downed NM Rudy Ibañes in 30 moves of another Philidors skirmish.

Gatus, a former University of Manila standout who hails from Tondo, also won over NM Yves Ranola and NM Mirabeau Maga. He split the point with NM Ponciano Badilles and NM Levi Mercado.

A total of 77 players, including 3 IMs, 1 Fide master and 22 NMs, are seeing action in the nine-round Swiss System event sanctioned by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines.

Taguig nips Pampanga; MayniLA keeps top spot

ROBIN Mendoza continues to weave magic for Forward Taguig in the National Basketball League national championship.

The 5-foot-11 former pro, chosen NBL best player last week, drilled in a jumper over the outstretched arms of two defenders Bulls with just four-tenths of a second left as Forward Taguig nipped the Pampanga Bulls, 74-72, at the CP Tinga Memorial Hall Friday night.

Mendoza's buzzer-beater, which gave Taguig its fourth win in six games, came after Pampanga's Elbert Alberto had knotted the count at 72.

MayniLA tightened its grip of the lead by routing Air Philippines-Bacolod, 90-74, in the other game.

It was MayniLA's seventh win in eight games in the seven-team tourney supported by Tanduay Rhum, Air Philippines, Cebu Ferries, Sinners and Saints, The Freeman, Jaguar KTV, Gatorade and Molten Basketballs.

Mendoza and 6-foot-4 Miko Action shifts to Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center in Pampanga today with Taguig facing Spring Cooking Oil at 3 p.m. and MayniLA taking on the Bulls at 5. *Roy Luarca*

Assumption routs St. Clare

UNIVERSITY of Assumption-Pampanga routed St. Clare College-Caloocan, 101-68, yesterday at the close of the Grudge Games at the Makati Coliseum.

With six players contributing twin digits, Assumption decided the outcome by the third quarter, 76-49, and assured itself of an invitation to the 2003 Champions League national championship in November.

Randy Magpayo came off-the-bench to tally 16 points and share scoring honors with Alex Bognot, while center Ronald Ruiz and Pet Duyag added 15 each.

Magpayo also grabbed 11 rebounds, which was matched by teammate Jayson Mendoza .

Far Eastern University subdued national inter-collegiate titlist St. Francis of Assisi, 88-80, in the main game. St. Francis missed the services of main man Ranidel Ocampo.

Petron, PCSO, San Miguel, Milo and Adidas supported the Grudge Games under league chair Joe Lipa.

'Mr. Iceman'

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

I HAVE forgotten the outcome of that fight. Was it a technical knockout victory? Or a unanimous decision?

I have forgotten because that was nearly 15 years ago. Was it 1989? 1990? 1991?

I can't remember now. But I'm sure it was either a TKO or a unanimous decision. Whatever, that has become immaterial now.

What has been material before remains material today: Luisito Espinosa won that fight. And retained his world bantamweight crown. And made me proud to be a Filipino. And gave me fond memories to cherish till the end of time.

Like Richard Steele telling me after the fight: "Your boy really punches hard. I have yet to see a boxer so tall but so light and yet, can deliver telling shots with ease."

Richard Steele, of course, was the referee of that fight. He was, at that time, one of the world's most in-demand referees.

"In several instances during the fight, I thought of stopping it because Espinosa was inflicting so much punishment on his foe," he said. "But I had to restrain myself and I am glad I did."

Hurley Snead, black like Steele, was Espinosa's foe that night. Snead came out in one whole piece, but not after absorbing severe beating.

The Espinosa camp had beer after the fight in the company of Steele, who drank not even a drop of gin and merely nursed a Coke till the wee hours of the morning. Someone I know, like the late Tennessee Williams, loved gin and coke. Unfortunately for one of the world's greatest playwrights, in one of Williams' unguarded moments, he strayed from that mix and choked to death on a champagne cork in the solitude of his room.

What a waste.

We didn't stray from our brew that evening and, as we kept telling Richard Steele, it was party time and party time meant the drink was on the house. You won a fight, what would you expect us to do, sleep the night away?

Only a stiff like Rasputin would do such a horrible thing.

The other fond memories of that Bangkok sojourn were painter Danny Dalena and the still nondescript Chino Trinidad joining the trip–Dalena the center of attraction with his wooden clogs clacking noisily as we trudged on toward the immigration counter of the Bangkok International Airport.

Chino was with us to baby-sit his father, Recah. Or was it the other way around? You know, Chino was barely starting to find his place in the sun. Recah, the only certified street-smart of them all, has never been remiss in showing his kid the ways of the world. Where Chino is now, he owes it that much to Papa Recah.

Ah, the memories. They sometimes make our eyes moist.

But, hey, wait a minute. I guess I'm missing out on something.

Toti Sangalang?

You bet, he was there, too. He was Espinosa's chief trainer, one of the best in the business. Hermie Rivera, the flamboyant manager of Espinosa, would kill me for not remembering Toti. (Toti passed away some years back and may God have mercy on his soul.)

All accounted for? The head count went all right?

I guess not.

One guy's missing and that guy's none other than Milton "The Iceman" Alingod.

Yes, you got it right, Milton Alingod the present Press Secretary himself.

He was with us in the Espinosa camp, holding a job that almost got him barred from entering the coliseum.

He had no job to begin with. He was a private citizen back then. His dear buddy, Hermie Rivera, wanted someone to cheer up the entourage in case a pall of gloom would descend upon them. Hermie enlisted Milton, his friend for maybe 50 years now.

We were all doing fine in the run-up to the fight. Recah and I were the journalists for the fight, Chino the son of the great boxing writer. Who would dare question Recah's stature? He'd give them hell. Dalena was our painter commissioned to do a mural of the fight. Perfect.

But then, what about Milton Alingod?

"No problem," said Hermie Rivera. "I'll handle that."

On fight night, we formed a single file on our way to the fight arena. Then the bouncer stopped us.

"Who is he?" said the bouncer to Hermie Rivera, pointing to Milton Alingod who had a white towel slung on his shoulder.

"Oh, him?" said Hermie, pointing to Milton. "He is our corner man, the best from the Philippines."

"What's that he's carrying?" said the bouncer, pointing to the pail made of tin being carried by Milton.

"Oh, that," said Hermie. "That's where we place the ice cubes for use by our fighter during the fight."

"But where are the ice cubes?" said the bouncer.

"They'll come later," said Hermie.

There were no ice cubes to speak about. They never came.

Towel and pail, they were but props. Else, Milton Alingod would not have made it to ringside.

Welcome aboard, "Mr. Iceman."

GMA could not have made a better choice.

Chuatico tops Hundred Presidents tilt

CHUATICO shaking hands with PDI Chair Marixi Prieto after receiving his trophy. ROMY HOMILLADA

By Jong Arcano

INSURANCE man Paul Chuatico didn't have any idea of what night golf was all about until he joined the second Hundred Presidents Invitational of the Inquirer Golf Monthly last Friday.

And so were most of the company presidents and CEOs like Smart's Boy Martirez, Unilever's Howard Belton and Nestle's JB Santos and Salvador Pigem who all have been used to playing under the sun.

Definitely not under the lights.

The 18-hole round turned out to be unique if not very memorable for the select field, trying to avoid the many water hazards and even promenaders on the snaking walls of Intramuros.

"It's not really the kind of championship course we're used to playing but I came here to enjoy anyway," said Chuatico who went on to clinch the overall title with his Modified Double Peoria score of 63.

Chuatico, president of New Canaan Insurance, edged the likes of Rene Roy, Danilo Ignacio, Willy Ocier and Farrah Imperial for the top award and the Taylor Made XR-O3 driver that went with it.

Roy settled for the Class A crown with his 65.2, Ignacio went home with the Class B trophy after scoring a 64, Ocier, chair of Tagaytay Highlands, topped Class C with his 64.4 and Imperial, posting 65.6, snatched the ladies title.

Stealing the show was Windy Imperial who scored a hole-in-one on No. 16. Imperial had already replaced his ball lying on a downhill lie on the par-3 hole when it moved and rolled straight into the hole.

Imperial won a special prize from PDI president Sandy Prieto. Had he scored the ace on the 10th, Imperial could have won a Toyota Camry and P100,000 cash had it been on the sixth.

The Inquirer Golf Online, the web version of the Inquirer Golf Monthly, was also launched during the event.

Event sponsors were Shell, Unilever, Export and Industry Bank, United Overseas Bank, Tipco, Herma Group, Union Bank, GG&A Clubshares, Aviva Insurance, Golf Pro, Security Bank, New Canaan Insurance, Key Printing, Buenavista, Sta. Elena Properties, Johnnie Walker Black Label and Herma Group.

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Sorenstam-Wie match-up fails to materialize

WIE REUTERS

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, New Jersey—With Annika Sorenstam having mixed success using a new ball and phenom Michelle Wie struggling with her putter, three less-publicized players shared the first-round lead in the ShopRite LPGA Classic on Friday.

Laura Diaz, Kris Lindstrom and Angela Stanford shot 6-under 65s and held a one-shot lead over Hall of Famer Juli Inskter, who once again seems to be peaking with a defense of the US Women's Open on tap next week.

The much anticipated battle between Sorenstam and Wie—the two biggest current names in women's golf—never materialized on a hot, humid day on the Bay Course of the Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa.

Sorenstam, the No. 1 player in women's golf, shot a scrambling 1-under 70 in a round where she had trouble controlling her distance playing the new Calloway Hex-Tour ball.

Wie, the 13-year-old who seems to be the future for women's golf, settled for a par round after making a crowd worthy of a leader's group groan repeatedly by missing six makable birdie putts.

Jenny Rosales struggled with a 74 and was among those in 99th spot.

The bad luck ranged from afternoon spike marks on the green to bad bounces on rolling fairways that sent balls into the rough.

Sorenstam's problem was controlling a new ball.

"It's just a hotter ball," said Sorenstam, who had five birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey.

In Seoul, Korea, Gerald Rosales carded a 70 and moved up to 29th place in the $400,000 SK Telecom Open. He trails new leader Shin Yong-jin (64-132) by eight strokes.

Danny Zarate and Angelo Que both missed the cut. *AP*

Brothers steal show in Eagle Ridge meet

THE SIBLING rivalry in the members monthly medal tournament of Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club in Gen. Trias, Cavite continued with Paolo Garcia again turning back the challenge of his brother Frederick for the coveted Class A title recently.

Paolo mastered the rigors of the tough Andy Dye course with a four-over-par 76 but could only win by one as Frederick came very close to forging a tiebreak after a 77.

Japanese expat Shinichi Ogihara was not too far behind in third place after an 80.

Paolo thus picked up his third title in the last four months after Frederick had clinched the April plum.

Also pulling off close victories were Alexander Saldana, Virgilio Navarro and Rosendo Cruz in the other divisions of the 18-hole tourney sponsored by Wilson Sports Philippines.

Saldana captured the Class B trophy by three over Alex Estabillo with his 86, Navarro turned back Ryan Amistad by a stroke and Cruz, scoring a 110, was a four-stroke winner 110 over Reynaldo Villafuerte.

In another major event played at the country's biggest golf complex, Jose Nepomuceno snared Class A to lead the winners in the Chi-Rho Cup, an event jointly staged by the Miriam College Chi-Rho Champions and Maryknoll/Miriam College Alumni Association (MMCAA) for the Miriam College Endowment Fund.

Tight battles also punctuated the two other divisions with Buddy Gob taking the Class B crown and Lope Torres bagging the Class C title. Gob tallied a 72 then nipped Chito Clavano and Jerry Martinez in the tiebreak while Torres beat Mike Limjap in another countback that decided the Class C winner after both finished with similar 75s.

The ladies division winners were Grace Atienza, Margarita Holigores and Marfina Teodoro.

Grace and Anna Jamie Atienza submitted similar net 69s but the former won via the countback, Holigores finished one stroke ahead of Ericka Salinas with her net 74 and Teodoro won over Angel del Rosario by three shots with her 80. *Jong Arcano*

2 share top spot

MEMPHIS, Tennessee—John Huston made a 6-foot birdie putt on his final hole and joined PGA Tour rookie Richard S. Johnson as a co-leader after the second round of the St. Jude Classic. Huston had his best round of the year as he had an eagle and six birdies in a bogey-free round for an 8-under 63 and 130 total. *AP*

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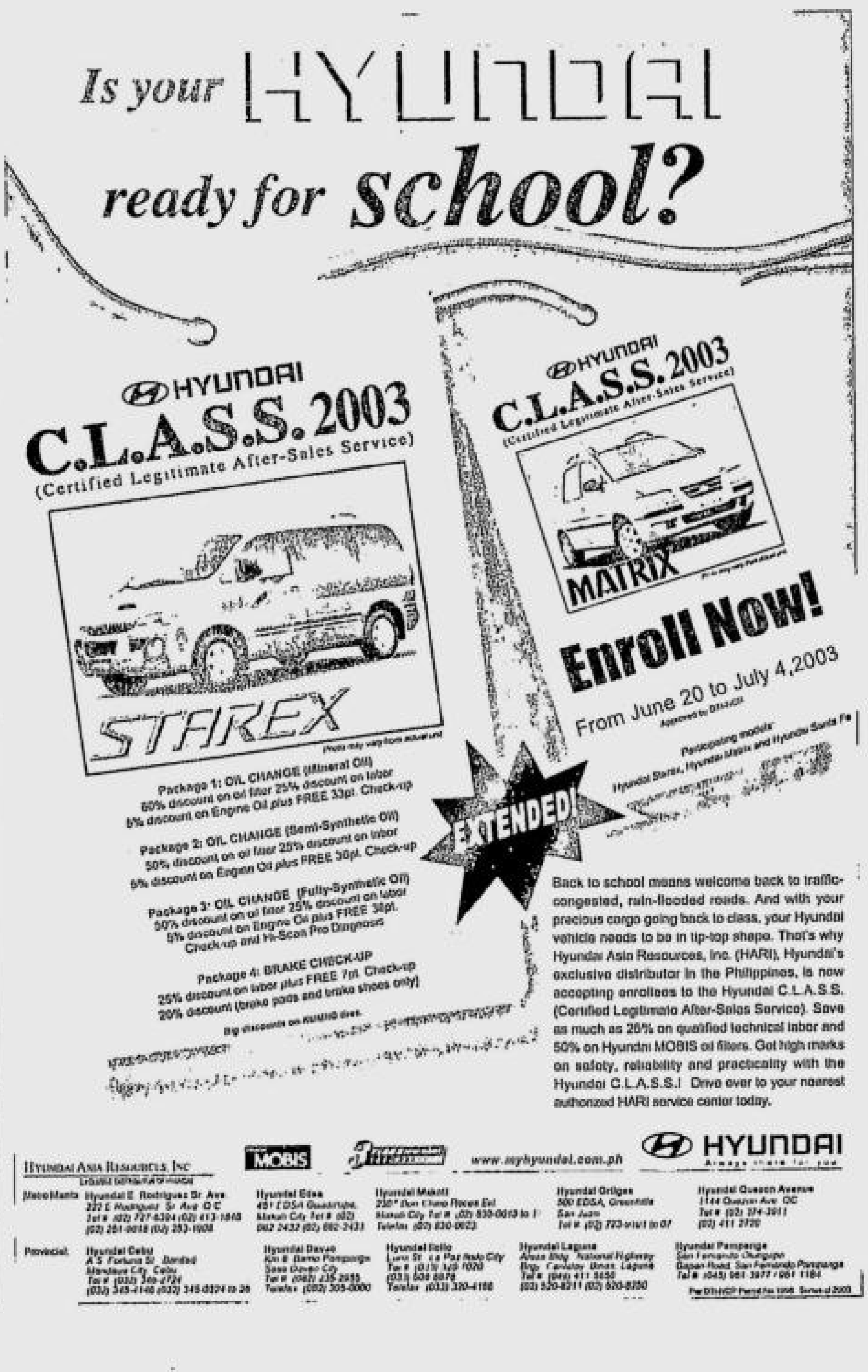

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Aces, Pals collide for 2nd finals slot

Alaska has momentum but TNT counts on luck

CONE: We have to play smarter. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

BANAL: We want to set aside the loss. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

By June Navarro

GAME TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
6 p.m.—Alaska vs Talk N' Text (Game 5)
Game 1—Talk N' Text d. Alaska, 115-109, OT
Game 2—Alaska d. Talk N' Text, 86-77
Game 3—Talk N' Text d. Alaska, 87-74
Game 4—Alaska d. Talk N' Text, 87-86, OT

MULTI-TITLED Alaska and a championship-starved Talk N' Text squad collide in a rubber match today for the right to challenge Coca-Cola for the PBA All-Filipino Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

The fifth game of what developed into a very exciting semifinal duel is set at 6 p.m. with the Aces and the Phone Pals going into action on even terms.

While Alaska has momentum after tying the series at 2-all Friday, Talk N' Text is counting on its luck in odd-numbered games having won the first and third meetings of the two clubs.

Officiating is expected to be crucial although the Aces managed to survive the poor performance of the referees in Game 4 and stay alive with an 87-86 overtime win.

Fittingly, the subject of the night's most atrocious call by referee Boy Cruz, John Arigo, delivered the decisive basket for Alaska with a three-point jumper with seven seconds left in the extension.

Cruz had slapped a technical foul on the Aces in the dying seconds of regulation play, claiming that John had sued for a timeout while fighting for the loose ball with Bong Ravena.

Since the Aces had no timeouts left, Arigo's action drew an automatic technical and a free throw for Talk N' Text.

"I swear I didn't call a timeout because coach Tim (Cone) said we don't have a timeout left," said Arigo.

"We discussed it twice during one of the breaks that we don't have any timeouts left. So when the refs slapped a technical for calling a timeout, I don't know where it came from," added Cone, who vehemently protested the call.

The free throw helped Talk N' Text forge a 77-77 standoff at the end of regulation, but Arigo eventually redeemed himself.

"I just knew I have to keep my confidence and help the team in any way I can. I've been shooting poorly throughout the game but I knew I'll eventually hit my shots," said Arigo.

Don Allado and EJ Feih fouled out in a vain effort to stop Asi Taulava but the 6-foot-9 Phone Pal hastened his team's downfall by making only 16 of 29 free throws.

But Talk N' Text coach Joel Banal refused to blame Taulava for the loss.

"We want to set aside the loss and focus on Game 5. We lost because of a lucky shot and it only means that Game 5 promises to be another down-the-wire encounter," Banal said.

Cone stressed, however, that the Aces should play smart to arrange another titular showdown with the Tigers, who beat the Aces for the All-Filipino plum last year.

"Our players have to realize that we have to play a little smarter on the floor, especially down the stretch," said Cone.

The defending champion Tigers grabbed a seat in the best-of-seven finals after finishing off the Sta. Lucia Realtors, 99-93, in the other semifinal duel.

It will be the seventh championship stint for Coca-Cola coach Chot Reyes since 1993.

RUDY Hatfield of Coca-Cola unleashes a left-handed layup against Marlou Aquino of SLR.

Graham cries harassment

By Dennis U. Eroa

UNDER fire for his alleged questionable Filipino citizenship, BAP secretary-general and NCAA Commissioner Graham Lim yesterday said he would prefer to stay silent until he has discussed the issue with his lawyers.

"I don't want to speak on the issue after I talk with my lawyers. But I think this is purely harassment," Lim told the INQUIRER before the start of the opening of the 79th NCAA season at the Araneta Coliseum.

Lim described the charge as an old issue.

"This issue can be traced to the BAP row which happened three years ago. I don't know why this issue keeps on coming back," said Lim. He added he hasn't received any subpoena yet to appear before the Bureau of Immigration.

News reports (not in the INQUIRER) said that special prosecutor Arvin Cesar Santos of the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation had ordered Lim to appear before the immigration department on July 10 to answer the charges filed by a number of international referees led by veteran Liberato Valenzuela.

The referees claimed that Lim violated immigration laws by declaring himself a Filipino citizen.

Valenzuela is the leader of a group of referees who once worked under the Basketball Referees Commission, which is under the BAP.

Lim said Valenzuela was removed from the roster in 2001 due to acts unbecoming of a Barecom member.

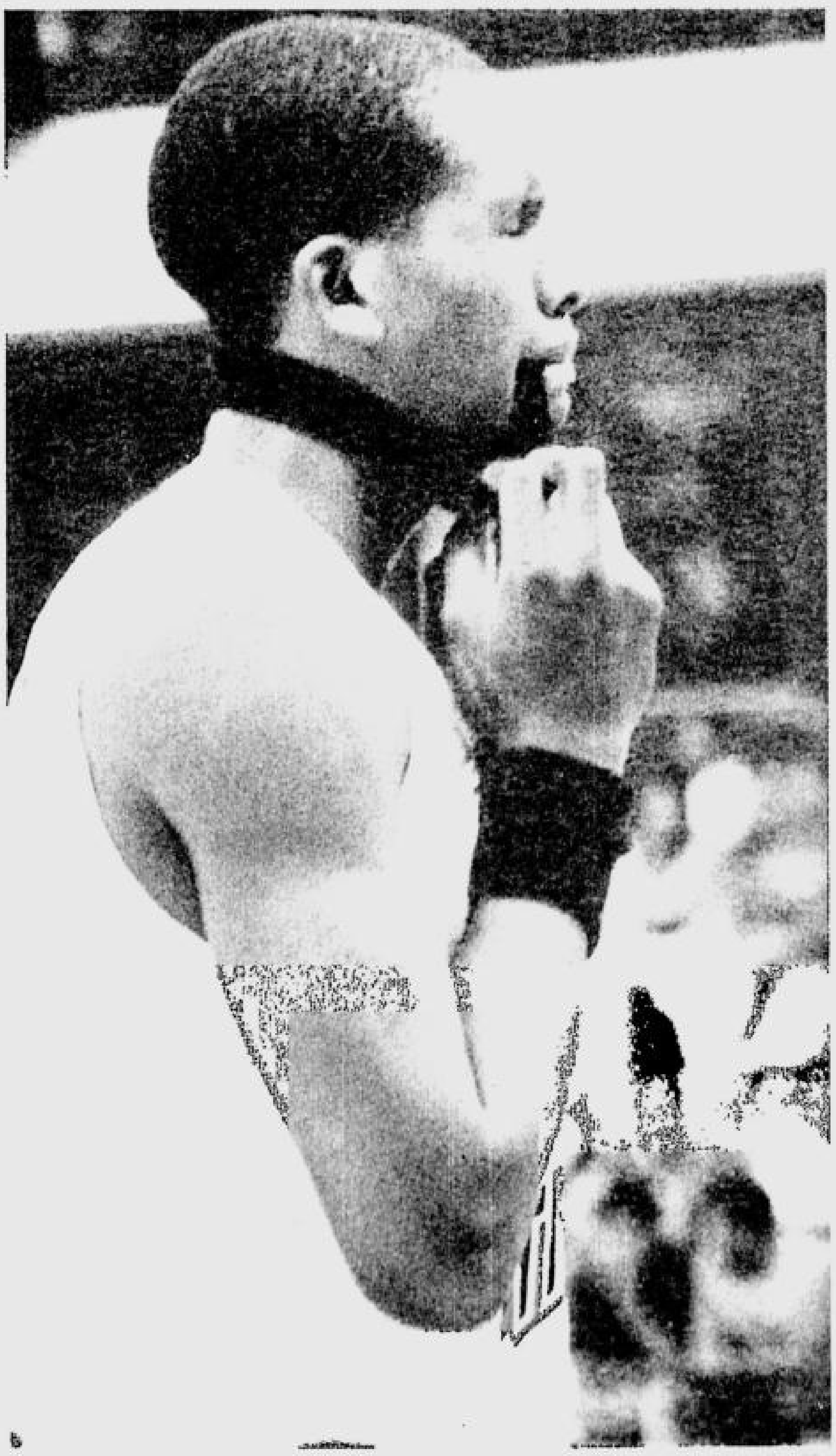
Nolan leads Shock to 8th win in row

NEW YORK—Deanna Nolan scored 20 points to lead the Detroit Shock to their eighth straight victory, 75-69, over the New York Liberty.

Swin Cash added 17 points and Cheryl Ford had 12 points and seven rebounds for the Shock, who leads the Eastern Conference at 8-1 and are unbeaten since losing to Charlotte to open the season May 31. The Shock beat the Liberty for the second time in a week after winning 88-83 last Friday.

Elena Baranova set season highs with 20 points and 10 rebounds for the New York, which learned after the game that it would be without leading scorer Becky Hammon for the rest of the season after the guard tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee in the first half.

Tari Phillips added 18 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out with 57 seconds left. *AP*



RAFFI Reavis bites his headband in frustration but the Tigers advanced to the finals with a 99-93 win over the Sta. Lucia Realtors last Friday at the Philsports Arena. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

Officials thumb do

BEIJING—The China Basketball Association (CBA) has given an overwhelming thumbs down to 21-year-old Chinese 2.12-meter (7-foot) center Xue Yuyang, saying the second-round NBA draft pick would not be plying the hardwood for the Denver Nuggets next year or any time soon.

Xue, who played for the Hong Kong Flying Dragons last season, was selected 57th overall in Thursday's NBA draft by the Dallas Mavericks and then immediately traded to the Denver Nuggets in exchange for a 2004 second-round pick.

"Xue Yuyang does not meet the conditions of playing in the NBA," the CBA said in a Friday statement.

"Xue Yuyang should patiently practice with the national team, accumulate experience at the international level, improve his skills and better accommodate himself to NBA conditions." The CBA also expressed dissatisfaction that it had not been formally informed by either Xue, his supporters, or the NBA that his name had been placed in the draft.

The association said it would support Xue playing in the NBA when his skills and experience level were right.

Xue is the first Chinese player drafted to the NBA since Yao Ming was chosen as the first non-American born player to be drafted number one overall in the NBA draft last year.

Yao, chosen by the Houston Rockets, played in the All-Star game and was an overall sensation throughout the season.

The Chinese national team is presently preparing for the Asian Basketball Championships in Harbin, China in September.

If Xue makes the NBA, he will be the fourth Chinese big man in league, following Yao, NBA Champion San Antonio Spur Menke Bateer and Los Angeles Clipper Wang Zhizhi. *AFP*

Phoenix picks vow to learn English

PHOENIX—The Phoenix Suns' two first-round picks in the NBA draft spoke a bit of English and promised to learn more as they were introduced at a news conference.

Serbian forward Zarko Cabarkapa and Brazilian point guard Leandrhino Barbosa also promised Friday to prove they belong in the NBA.

"For about two years I was getting ready for this moment," Cabarkapa said through an interpreter. "I played against many NBA players, and I know I belong in this league. I'm very confident I'm going to help this team and they are going to help me."

Cabarkapa, who stands a shade under 7 feet (2.1 meters), was chosen with the Suns' No. 17 pick overall. Phoenix obtained Barbosa, the No. 28 pick, in a trade with San Antonio, sending the Spurs a conditional future first-round selection.

"This has been a dream of mine," Barbosa said through an interpreter. "Yesterday was the most worried day of my life, waiting and waiting and waiting and hoping to be drafted."

At the urging of Suns' president Bryan Colangelo, both offered a few words in English.

"I'm very happy to be here," Cabarkapa said. "I know I must first learn English. I must speak better."

Barbosa echoed those sentiments in his brief English comment.

"I, too, am very happy," he said. "I like the Phoenix Suns and will go to work very strong, very hard."

Cabarkapa, 22, loves to run the floor and is a good 3-point shooter.

"I like to play outside," he said. "I run the floor very well. I'm very good in transition, and it's unusual for a European man to dunk like me."

He wants to model his game after that of Dallas all-star Dirk Nowitski.

Barbosa, 20, said he wouldn't feel comfortable comparing his game to any NBA player. *AP*

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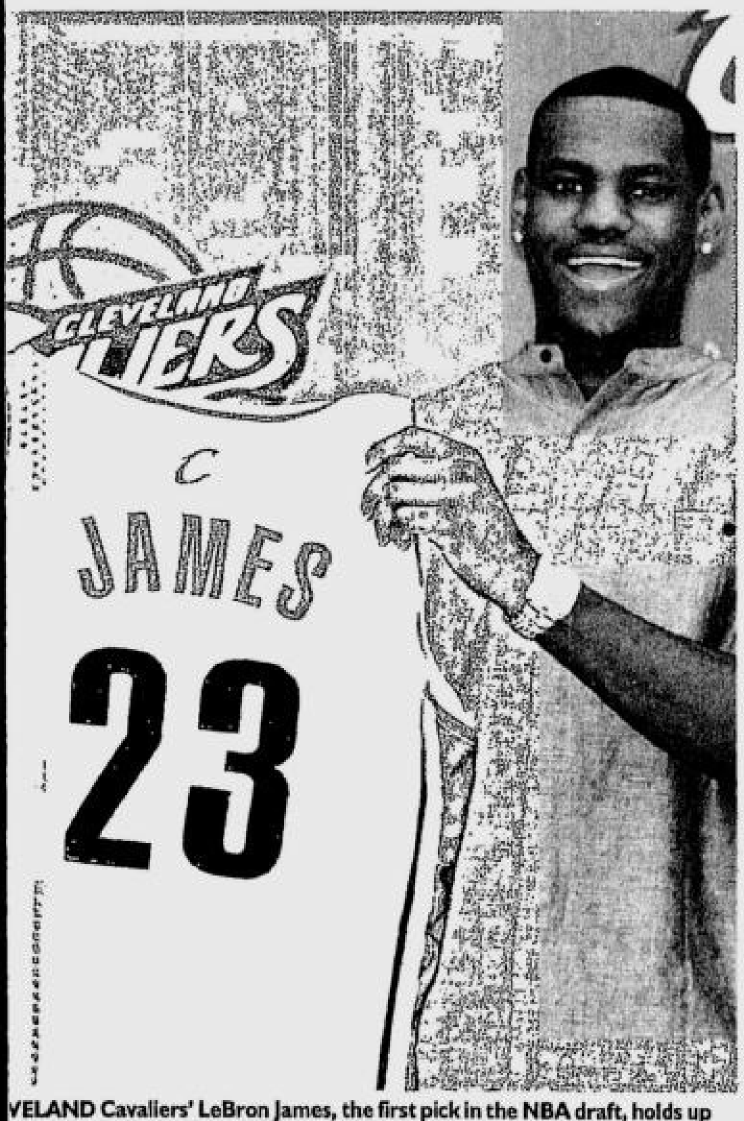

VELAND Cavaliers' LeBron James, the first pick in the NBA draft, holds up ersey during a news conference Friday at Gund Arena in Cleveland. AP

Volves-Bucks trade

NEAPOLIS—The Minnesota berwolves traded forward Joe th and guard Anthony Peeler to Milwaukee Bucks for guard Sam sell and center Ervin Johnson on ay.

ssell averaged 19.7 points a game he Bucks last season, his 10th year ne league. He became expendable n the Bucks acquired veteran Gary on from Seattle last season.

We want to put players on the floor, that's what Sammy is," Timberves coach Flip Saunders said.

The Timberwolves expect Cassell to play alongside current point guard Troy Hudson and also relieve Hudson at the point.

Johnson averaged 2.2 points a game last year for the Bucks as a backup.

Smith missed 26 games because of injuries last season for the Wolves, his eighth year in the league. He averaged 7.5 points and five rebounds a game.

Peeler, Minnesota's all-time 3-point field goal leader, averaged 7.7 points a game last season. *AP*

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MOTOR SPORTS: F1 Allianz Grand Prix of Europe, Qualifying; 7 a.m. (r) and 1 p.m. (r); Race Day; 7 p.m.—Michael Schumacher seeks to widen his gap with the rest of the field in Germany.

TENNIS: Wimbledon 2003, Day 6 Highlights; 8 a.m.; Third Round, Day 6; 9 a.m. (r); Star Sports—Satisfy your appetite for spectacular tennis moves from the grass courts of the All-England club.

BASKETBALL: Bulls vs Knicks, Game 5, 1993 Eastern Conference Finals; 8:30 a.m.—Chicago and New York engage in an all-out battle in this match-up ten years ago.

WNBA Action; 8:30 a.m. (r - 1:30 p.m.); ESPN—The basketball belles get to strut their stuff in this half - hour program.

GOLF: US Senior Open; 5 p.m. (r) and tomorrow at 3 a.m.; ESPN—The final 36 holes are played out from Ohio.

PGA St. Jude Classic; 2 p.m. (r) and tomorrow at 3 a.m.; Star Sports—Golf action winds down in Memphis.Schedules subject to change without prior notice.

Erratum

THE ANSWER to yesterday's No. 3 question in Bong Barrameda's Sports Noodle should have been "beard" and not "Martina Navratilova." We regret the mistake.

We should learn from our mistakes, says Duremdes

By Dennis U. Eroa

DUREMDES attacks Rob Duat's defense.
AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

WELL, it wasn't as bad as it seemed to be.

Frustrated and still hurting from an injury, Kenneth Duremdes still found reason to smile despite the failure of Sta. Lucia Realty to advance in the finals of the ongoing Samsung PBA All-Filipino Cup.

"Nobody really expected us to reach this far. We've proven that we can keep pace with the favorites," Duremdes, the PBA's 1998 MVP, told the INQUIRER.

The high-flying Duremdes tried but failed to salvage the Realtors' conference by seeing action in Game Four of the best-of-five-semifinals series against Coca-Cola last Friday at the Philsports Arena.

Looking out of sync, Duremdes, 29, still scattered 17 points, including five triples but the Tigers won the series, 3-1, after escaping with a 99-93 win.

"I didn't play basketball for two weeks but I felt that I have to help the team. The decision was a gamble I was willing to make," said Duremdes, who strained his left calf muscle, during the quarterfinals.

Duremdes said he is taking it easy at the moment and continuing his therapy.

"The bad thing about this injury is that it hurts only when you're tired from playing," said Duremdes.

"I still have to decide whether I'll play in the playoff for third," he added.

Coke, according to Duremdes, killed Sta. Lucia with its tireless trapping defense.

"From the starters to the relievers, the Tigers can outlast you with the press. It was a job well done for Coach Chot (Reyes) who was able to transform Coke into a deadly trapping team," said Duremdes.

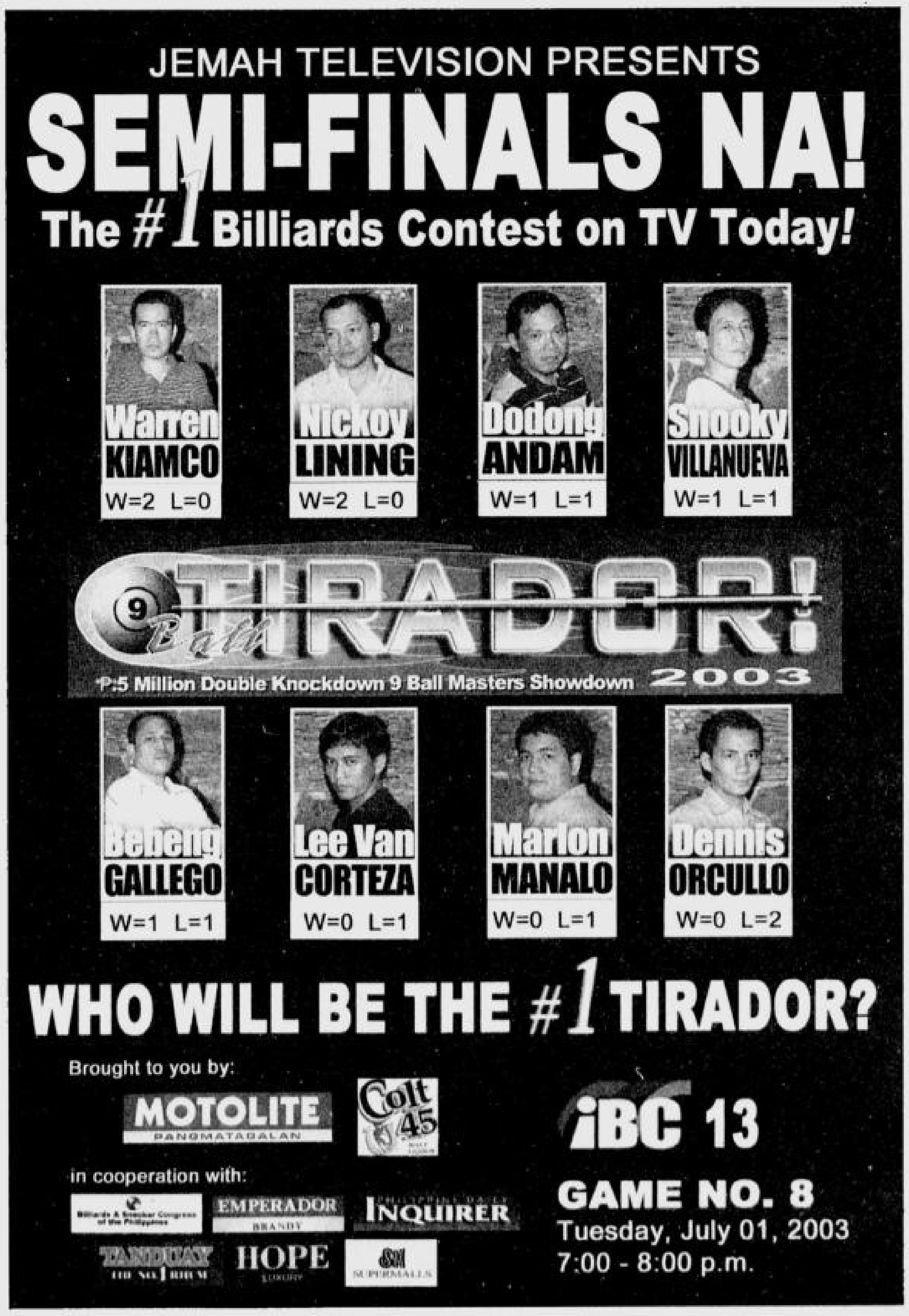
With its deadly press, Coke was able to prevent Sta. Lucia from executing its half-court sets effectively.

The absence of Duremdes weakened the Realtors' ability to break the press since the 6-foot-3 guard-forward can bring the ball downcourt.

"With Marlou (Aquino) and Dennis (Espino), our inside game should be unstoppable. Problem is, we have a hard time setting up the plays due to the trap," Duremdes said.

The Realtors, Kenneth said, will continue to shine in the coming conference.

"The All-Filipino Cup exposed our weaknesses. We should learn from our mistakes and capitalize on our strengths," Duremdes said.



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Venus back in groove; Andy pulls off a 'first'

Hewitt's 6-10 conqueror booted out

WIMBLEDON, England—Venus Williams is back in a Grand Slam groove.

She's pounding serves, dictating points, not letting opponents into the match.

And now the two-time Wimbledon champion gets a chance to inflict her good form on the player responsible for Williams' surprising exit at the last major.

Williams picked up a third consecutive lopsided victory, outclassing French Open semifinalist Nadia Petrova 6-1, 6-2 Friday to reach the round of 16 at the All England Club for the sixth year in a row.

VENUS (left) and Serena Williams celebrate their doubles win against Corina Morariu of the US and Rennae Stubbs of Australia. The Williams sisters won, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3. REUTERS

Williams next faces another Russian, Vera Zvonareva, who beat her in the fourth round at Roland Garros–Williams' earliest loss at a Slam in two years. The American couldn't prepare properly for that event because of an abdominal injury.

"There's no excuses for me. I have to perform. If I have a bad day, it's a bad day," the fourth-seeded Williams said, "but I come back stronger."

Andy Roddick is looking rather dominant himself, also not dropping a set yet. He reached Wimbledon's fourth round for the first time by beating No. 25 Tommy Robredo 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4.

Roddick didn't lose his serve once and is playing the sort of confident tennis that could very well bring him his first Grand Slam title. His last two wins came on Centre Court, and he looks quite comfortable in the setting, even if he says otherwise.

"I don't think it can be natural at any time. It's a very special place. I don't think it's ever going to lose that aura," Roddick said. "Obviously, I'm getting more and more used to it. But there are always some jitters early on in a match, for sure."

He compiled nine aces and 33 service winners, facing just one break point.

Roddick's opponent for a quarterfinal spot is No. 12 Paradorn Srichaphan, who upset Andre Agassi a year ago. Paradorn defeated 17-year-old Spaniard Rafael Nadal, who was trying to become the youngest man in the fourth round since Bjorn Borg in 1973.

No. 4 Roger Federer, No. 8 Sjeng Schalken and Australian Open runner-up Rainer Schuettler also won. Schuettler had the most work to do, overcoming Todd Martin 4-6, 7-5, 6-7 (1), 6-1, 7-5 in Martin's record-tying 14th five-setter at Wimbledon.

Ivo Karlovic –the 6-foot-10 (2.08 meter) qualifier who stunned defending champion Lleyton Hewitt–bowed out with a 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4) loss to 6-foot-5 (1.96 meters) Max Mirnyi despite slamming 26 aces.

Women's matches went to form, too, with one exception: No. 7 Chanda Rubin was beaten 7-6 (6), 6-3 by Silvia Farina Elia, never a quarterfinalist in 43 majors.

No. 2 Kim Clijsters and 1999 champion Lindsay Davenport won in straight sets. So did No. 16 Zvonareva, who can expect a tougher time against Williams.

"I would take any bet on Venus when she plays that girl again," said Williams' father, Richard. "Venus is focused right now."

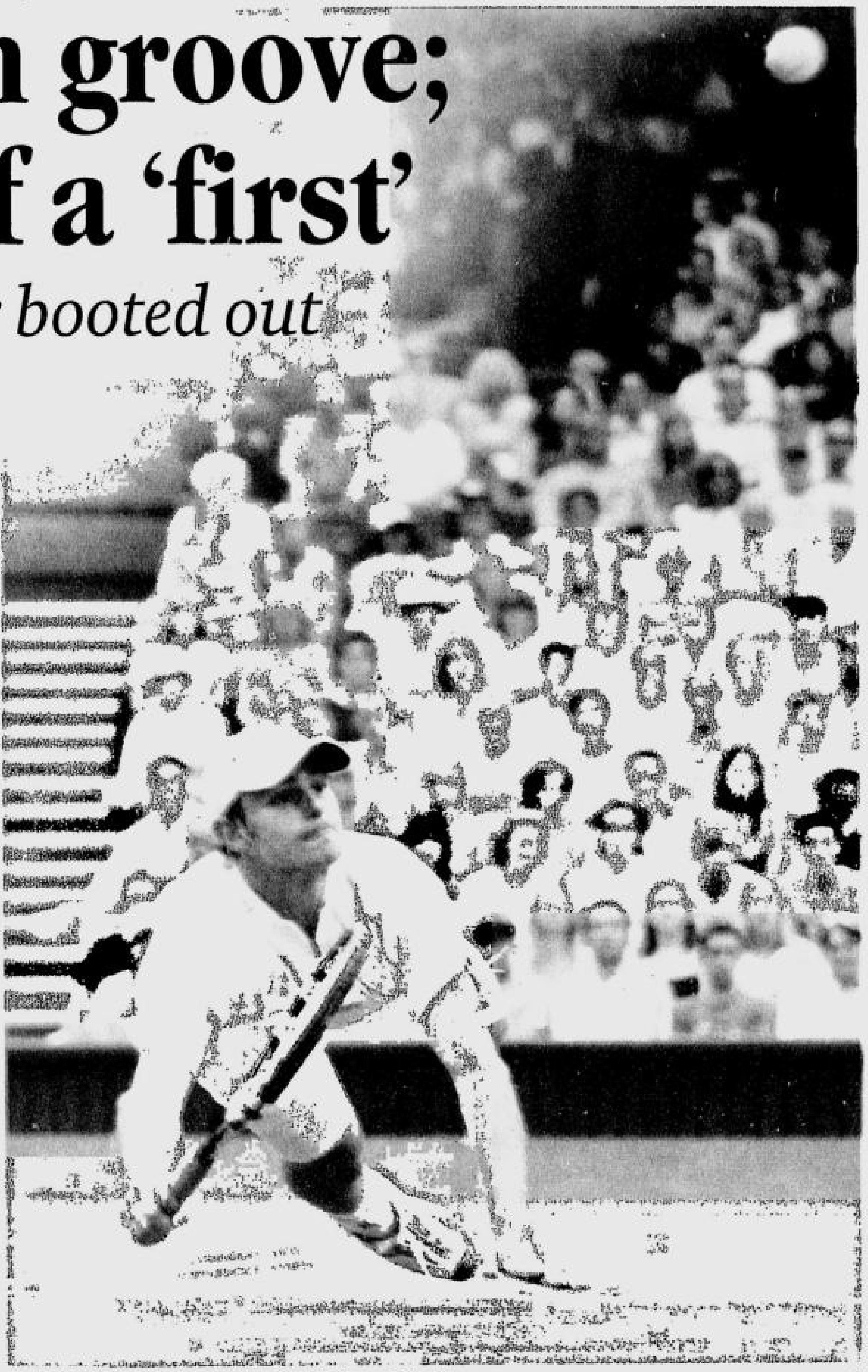
She's lost a total of 12 games and is consistently serving at 110 mph (177 kph). In her last two matches, each opponent managed to win three points in a return game just once.

About 3½ hours after beating Petrova, Williams went out with sister Serena and finished off a 6-7 (7), 6-2, 6-3 victory over Corina Morariu and Rennae Stubbs. The first-round doubles match was suspended Thursday at 3-3 in the last set because of darkness.

The sisters are the defending champions in doubles, to go along with Serena's singles title last year, and Venus' in 2000-01.

Venus also won the U.S. Open those years on her way to being ranked No. 1. Then she lost four straight major finals to her sister, followed by the French Open disappointment.

"Oh, it's never fun to be No. 4," she said, "especially if you've been No. 1." *AP*



RODDICK dives to make a return to Spain's Tommy Robredo. AP

Martin sees end of career

WIMBLEDON, England—Todd Martin sees the end of his career in sight.

How will the two-time Wimbledon semifinalist be remembered?

"When I die it's certainly not going to matter to me whether Billy Smith in 2223 knows how good of a career I had," he said after being ousted Friday in the third round by Rainer Schuettler.

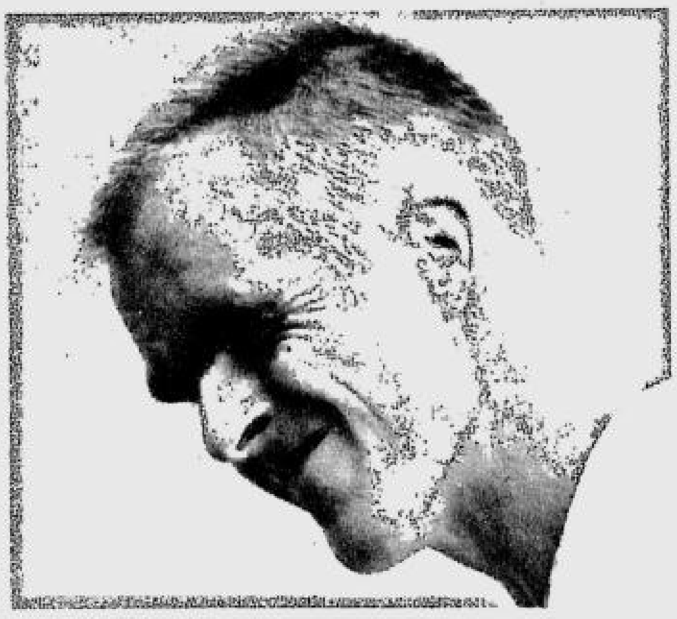
"It just has no bearing."

Martin's five-set loss prompted few questions about the match, and more about Lleyton Hewitt's US$1.5 million suit against the ATP. He contends he was unfairly fined for failing to give an interview to ESPN last year.

Martin, a new father in January, is president of ATP Player Council and turns 33 next month.

Meanwhile, the so-called "People's Saturday" will lose some of its "real people" feel.

Citing safety concerns, the All England Club has reduced the number of Centre Court tickets on sale for the middle Saturday from 2,000 to 500. *AP*



MARTIN: No bearing AP

West Bound guns for 2nd leg win vs 7 challengers

WEST Bound tries to move a win away from sweeping the 2003 Philippine Triple Crown series when he heads the field running in the JV Ongpin Cup today at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite.

The chestnut colt, impressive winner of the Cojuangco Cup, will face seven other candidates in the 1,900-meter contest as he bids to bag another P1-million booty. The challengers are Security Master, Speed Machine, Galapagos, Success Story, High Octane, Iverson and Kokopelli.

Traditionally named in honor of the late Finance secretary Jaime V. Ongpin, for his invaluable contribution to the restructuring of race betting taxes in the late 80s, the second jewel of the local Triple Crown carries a total pot of P1.67 million.

"We are certainly thrilled to host this very prestigious racing event in out new racing complex here in Carmona and we would like to assure the racing public that they can look forward to a truly exciting program," said. MJJCI President Alfonso Reyno Jr.

Myther Buñag's Security Master, the 2002 Juvenile champion and first leg fourth placer, is expected to give West Bound a tough fight.

Also given good chances are recent Binay Cup winner Success Story and multiple stakes winner High Octane of Hermie Esguerra.

Backing the event is the Hopeful Stakes, a 1,500-meter race with a total purse of P500,000.

Favored here are Moneyline, Tatler Cover and Siete de Marso.

Also running in the Hopeful are Go Ichi, Espirikitik, Namaste, Secret Lover, Dona Gelay, Successful Dream and Princess Sophia.

Today's program caps a six-day racefest which started with the Gran Copa last Tuesday.

Top officials of the Philracom led by chair Jaime Dilag are also expected to grace this afternoon's affair.

Un-Gran Copa like

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

THE 24th Gran Copa de Manila Stakes festival went ahead as planned.

But to the *bayang karerista*, there were a lot things missing last Tuesday when it was held for the first time at the SLLP.

Unlike when it was still staged at the historic San Lazaro Hippodrome in Tayuman, this year's festival simply lacked the old trimmings of the annual racefest.

Each Gran Copa day is associated with record sales. But this year, sales reportedly took a beating.

My Silip Boy also doubted if there were legitimate racing reporters and photographers who dared go to Carmona that day to cover the featured races.

During the SLH days, members of the media made it a point not to miss the Gran Copa. Excitement is always in the air, especially at the press room where they can monitor a separate WTA event put up by club officials. There were also writing and photo contests.

And how can the press people forget the warm hospitality accorded them by officials of the old MJC like Rudy Salud, the late Rev. Reverente and of course, Rudy Prado?

There was also this incident last Tuesday which made it more an un-Gran Copa day at the SLLP because trainers and fans alike protested "a discourteous usherette who acted as though she owned the place."

It was very unfortunate indeed since negative things like those never happened in the Gran Copa days of old.

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Reader, Rusty Mariano thinks the Santa Ana Park needs a big facelift. Here's his letter:

Good day sir!

A few weeks back, a news report came out of the papers—definitely not in the INQUIRER since the report turned out to be a ruse—regarding the non-issuance of permit by the Philracom for the continued operation of the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

The report stated that races at the SLLP will be held until the end of this month. Luckily, since the races that weekend were at the SLLP, a Philracom official went on air and flatly denied the report. In fact, to prove his point, stakes races were to be scheduled at the SLLP including the staging of the 2nd leg of the Triple Crown.

I heard even the 3rd stage will also be held at the Carmona track.

Last week, after buying the latest issue of a horse racing magazine, I went to the Santa Ana Park to see the races. And what I saw made me think about the SLLP ruse. Could it be that the reporter who made the news report be a Sta. Ana Park paid hack?

Common sense dictates that why would the Philracom stop the running of the races at the SLLP when the Santa Ana Park should be the one given that stoppage order!

Well the race track may still be in good condition but what about the condition of the racegoers? The Santa Ana Park needs a face lift!

The old Manila Jockey Club was in a better condition than the Santa Ana Park. Why isn't the Sta. Ana management lifting a finger to do some renovations? Then, reports have long been floated by Sta. Ana officials that they are also relocating to Laguna. Is this plan still pushing through? If the transfer is taking too much time, then it would be better for Sta. Ana officials to start giving their home a fresh image.

If upon entering the SLLP premises transport you to a world-class racetrack, then the Sta. Ana Park brings you back to Third World horse racing conditions.

Thank you very much and more power!

Rusty Mariano

RACING TIPS

AT SLLP BY MR. 999

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Race 4--1. Strong Lady 2. Flying Strike 3. Princess Jonnalyn
Race 5--1. Gallant Rose 2. Jackpot 3. Chances Are
Race 6--1. West Bound 2. Security Master 3. High Octane 4. Success Story.
Race 7--1. Respect the Ace 2. Tanging Ikaw 3. La Espanola 4. Miwa's Treasure
Race 8--1. Tatler Cover/Siete de Marso 2. Moneyline 3. Go Ichi 4. Princess Sophia
Race 9--1. Musikero 2. Salt Lake City 3. Man of the Hour 4. Golden Moment
Race 10--1. You and Me 2. Like A Prince 3. Show Affection
Race 11--1. Rose and Toy 2. Ikaw Pag-Asa Ko 3. Pep Talk 4. Nitty Gritty
Race 12--1. Manila Mauler 2. Colonial Affair 3. Rindo Maker
Race 13--1. Kiss Me Quick 2. Winning Prize 3. Maple My Love 4. Spirited Lady 5. Say It's True 6. Lady Be Gold

SPORTSWATCH

La Salle hosts Berardelli Cup

THE LA Salle Greenhills Alumni Association will host the 2003 Bro. Dominic Berardelli Cup Alumni Basketball League starting July 23 at the St. Benilde's Gym of La Salle Greenhills. Defending champion Team R-II Builders of Mikki Romero, which holds the league record of a 13-game sweep last year, aims to score a back-to-back feat in the event. The Fellowship Class, a special goodwill and less-competitive division of the league, also expects participation from newcomer teams comprised of different La Salle Greenhills batches, as well as La Salle affiliate schools. Games will be held every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the St. Benilde's Gym. The league was formed in 1997 by the LSGHAA and has gained popularity in the La Sallian community, using sports, particularly basketball as a tool to get the alumni involved in the association's activities. For more information please call Ms. Ludie Bautista of the LSGHAA at Tel. No. 721-2729.

Jao posts another bike sweep

ROSARIO, Batangas—Jolet Jao of Shell Advance posted another sweep in the Shell Advance Super bikes Series to tighten his grip of solo leadership in the 2003 Casino Filipino Grand Prix at the Batangas Racing Circuit here. The six-time road racing champion needed to hurdle Toti Alberto of Access Plus-Ducati to score the feat in the event sponsored by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Toyota Motors Phils., Kilton Motors, MOF Company, Norkis Yamaha, Pagcor Sports and also supported by Ford and Addict Mobile. Jao quickly took the pole but to his surprise, Alberto stayed close behind aboard his new power bike he bought from the Petronas MotoGP Racing Team in the Asia Pacific Motocross event in Malaysia. The event is sanctioned by the National Motorcycle Safety and Sports Association (Namssa).

Goddard, Marave, share F3 lead

DEFENDING Asian Formula 3 champion Mark Goddard of Castrol Ambi Pur Car Team Goddard drew level with Shell Casino Filipino FILA Team Tom's driver Pepon Marave for the top spot in the Asian Formula 3 Series 2003 International Class recently at the Batangas Racing Circuit. It served as redemption for Goddard who finished second behind Marave in race one, wherein the Filipino overtook every single car after starting from behind the grid. Third spot was claimed by Denso JF3 Racing's Richard Jason. The two class AF3 series, is promoted by E Colby Ventures Inc. in the Philippines with Addict Mobile as title sponsor. Main sponsor is Pagcor Sports Casino Filipino, while other backers are PTA, DOT, PCSO and Mirant. The next leg, sponsored by Yokohama, Denso and RCL-Regional Container Lines, will be held on July 19-20 at the Bira Circuit in Thailand.

Golden State cheer leaders due

THE WARRIOR Girls dance team of the National Basketball Association's Golden State Warriors will arrive in Manila for their first-ever Philippine performance at the Finale of NBA Madness, from July 4 to 6 at the SM Megamall. Basketball fans and their families will surely enjoy the straight out-of-the NBA, in-stadium routine, which the girls will perform on July 5 and 6 during the run of the NBA Madness event. The girls will also give dance clinics and have autograph sessions. This is the first time the Warrior Girls, who are chosen annually in extremely competitive auditions, are performing in the Philippines and among them is a Filipina-American.

Dart tourney stakes P100,000

A TOTAL cash prize of P100,000 is at stake in the Sportshouse 20th Anniversary P100,000 Darterong Pinoy Dart Festival. The event, co-organized by the National Dart Foundation of the Philippines, ends today. Sponsors are Robson Sportscraft, Unicorn, Icarus Apparel, Ratsky, Lino's, Ultramax, Picture City and Chiligrass Advertising. The venue has been moved to the 3F Cinema Lobby of Pearl Plaza located along Quirino Ave., Tambo, Parañaque City. According to NDFP President Tito Soncunya and Mars Chua, President of Sportshouse said: "This is our special way of giving back something to the community on our 20th anniversary." For inquiries, interested participants can call any Sportshouse outlet or Tito Soncunya at 416-9242/372-3541 or Pet Salvador at 889-6794.

Bonus awaits 'Big Fight' entries

A BONUS of P15,000 per win will be given to participants in the upcoming "Big Fight sa Cavite 6-Cock One Day Derby" on July 5 at the Cavite Coliseum. The derby's hosts are Sen. Ramon Revilla, former PBA commissioner Rudy Salud, Vice Mayor Nestor Mercado, Lito Orillaza and William Co. Exclusive Pagcor-Casino Filipino. Salud said that participants will be gunning not only for the huge prizes at stake, but will be fighting mainly for prestige because this type of derby is the ultimate test of a true-blue cocker. Submission of entries is on July 4, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. while weight limits are from 2050 kgs to 2350 kgs. Participants are advised to make an early cockhouse reservation and may contact 0918-5674921 (Ferdie Bautista) and 046-0709971 (Cavite Coliseum).

Dance sport tilt unfolds July 5

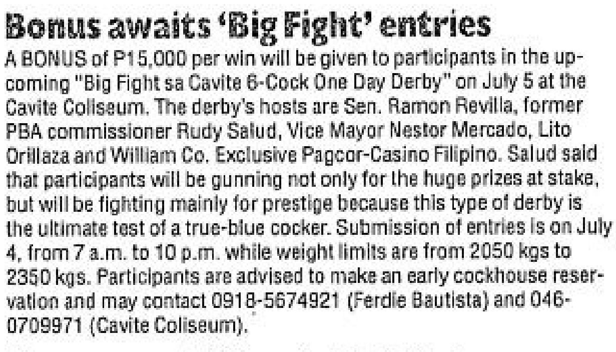
A HUGE field of more than 100 athletes from all over the country are joining the seventh mid-year ranking competitions of the Dance Sport Council of the Philippines on Saturday, July 12, at the Philsports Multi-Purpose Arena in Pasig City. DSCP president Becky Garcia said these dance couples will show their wares in the standard divisions before seven international licensed adjudicators headed by Marcel de Rijk, chair of the Social Dance Committee of the World Dance and Dance Sport Council. For inquiries, call Ana Faye at 635-0116 and (0917) 620-3190 or visit the Dancesport Training Center at the Philsports Arena. Tickets are available at the 26th floor, Pacific Star Bldg., Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

2-on-2 spices up championship

A 2-on-2 exhibition match featuring two towering young Yugoslavian cagers will be held before the championship game of the Burlington-PRA Cup today at the Tanduay Gym in Quiapo, Manila. Toby's and General Nutrition Centers will face each other for the men's crown at 10:30 a.m. while Burlington and York-LA Gear collide in the ladies' free throw shooting finals during the halftime break. Marko Batrichevic, a 6-foot-6 17-year-old, and 6-10 Zjelko Radic, 18, will display their basketball wares together with two lucky contestants.

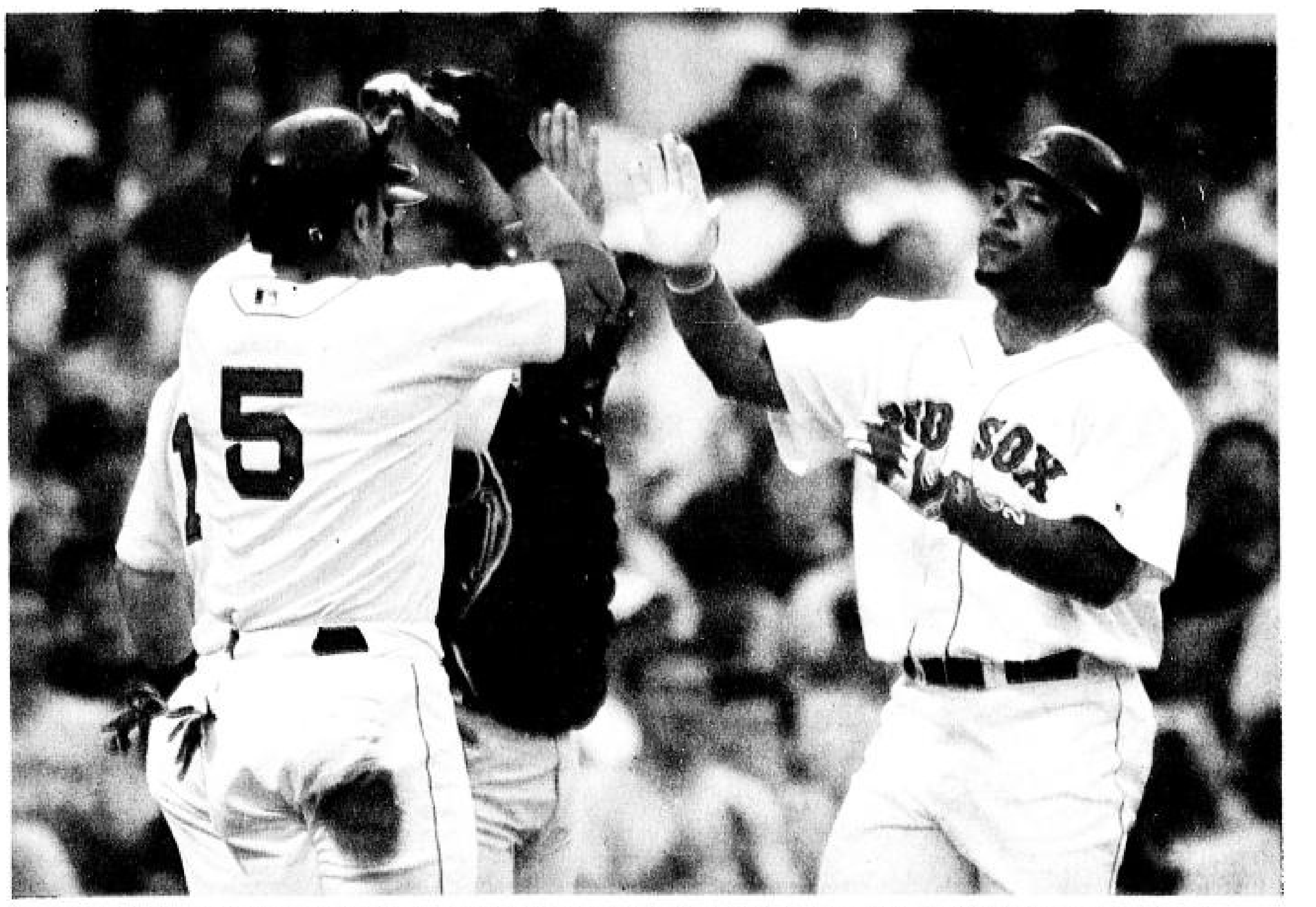
Real Madrid cocktail dinner

"PENA Real Madrid de Filipinas," a fun club of the Spanish football champions, will be holding a recruitment cocktail and dinner at 7 tonight. Sponsored by SanMig Pub in Ayala Alabang, the event is is open to all Real Madrid fans in the Philippines.



LADIES 9-BALL CHAMP

Ruby Marces (second from right) hugs the trophy she received for winning the Second Philippine Ladies 9-Ball Championship at the billiards hall of Bowling Inn, Taft Avenue recently. Also shown (from left) are Evelyn Bosque, 3rd placer; Lyka Fernando, runner-up; and Joy Viray, 4th placer. Marces, a 23-year-old college graduate from Guadalupe, Makati City, defeated Fernando, 7-3 in the final of the two-day Puyat Sports tournament.



BOSTON Red Sox' Manny Ramirez (right) is congratulated by teammates Nomar Garciaparra (5) and Todd Walker after his three-run homerun off Florida Marlins starter Carl Pavano in the first inning. AP

Red Sox blast Marlins, set major league mark

Florida pitcher injury mars 25-8 victory at Fenway

BOSTON—The Boston Red Sox had one of their greatest offensive performances ever in a 25-8 victory marred by a frightening injury to Florida Marlins pitcher Kevin Olsen.

Boston set a major league record Friday night by scoring 10 runs before making an out and cruised to an easy win. But Fenway Park fell silent when Todd Walker's seventh-inning line drive hit Olsen on or just behind the right ear.

Olsen lay on the mound for nine minutes and moved his feet and blinked before being carried from the field on a stretcher. He was taken to Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital nearby.

Olsen's injury was considered minor and he was in good condition, according to Dr. Richard Wolfe. Olsen was to be kept overnight at the hospital for observation.

Tempers flared when Boston reliever Hector Almonte threw a pitch behind Andy Fox in the ninth after Florida's Blaine Neal had hit David Ortiz with a pitch the previous inning.

Boston equaled the AL mark for runs in the first inning with 14, one shy of the major league mark set by the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1952, and raised its batting average from .294 to .297 in that inning alone.

The 14 runs tied an AL record for most in the first inning, and Johnny Damon equaled a major league mark with three hits in an inning. His single, double and triple left him just a homer short of the cycle.

OLSEN is taken off the field on a stretcher after being hit in the head with a line drive by Walker. AP

Every Red Sox starter joined in the hit parade, getting at least one hit in the first. Boston went 13-for-14 in the 50-minute inning with six extra-base hits. Carl Pavano (6-9), Michael Tejera and Allen Levrault threw a total of 91 pitches — with only Levrault retiring a batter.

Byung-Hyun Kim (2-1) pitched five innings for the win.

In Chicago, Jose Valentin hit a one-out homer in the bottom of the ninth as the White Sox beat the crosstown Cubs.

Valentin sent a pitch from Antonio Alfonseca (0-1) well over the fence in right center for his 11th homer of the season, raising his arms in triumph and sprinting happily around the bases before being mobbed at the plate. *AP*

Interleague results:

Chi White Sox 4, Chicago Cubs 3; Boston 25, Florida 8; Cleveland 3, Cincinnati 0; Arizona 8, Detroit 3; NY Yankees 6, NY Mets 4; Toronto 6, Montreal 5; Atlanta 8, Tampa Bay 2; Texas 10, Houston 7; Kansas City 6, St. Louis 3; Milwaukee 13, Minnesota 1; Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 2 (17 innings); Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 0; Seattle 8, San Diego 2; San Francisco 6, Oakland 0; National League--Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 3.

Gonzalez says no

HOUSTON—Texas slugger Juan Gonzalez rejected a trade to the Montreal Expos on Friday, exercising a no-trade clause in his contract three days after the teams agreed to a deal.

Rangers general manager John Hart made a deal Tuesday to send the two-time AL MVP to the Expos for prospects, possibly three, if the 33-year-old outfielder accepted the trade. Montreal general manager Omar Minaya, who has a long history with the slugger, traveled to Texas on Wednesday in hopes of persuading Gonzalez to accept the deal.

But in a statement before Friday night's game against the Houston Astros, Gonzalez said he would remain with the Rangers. *AP*

France-Cameroon final for Foe

CLAIREFONTAINE, France—Defending champion France and Cameroon play for the Confederations Cup on Sunday in a final that most likely will be remembered as a memorial to Marc-Vivien Foe.

Foe's death after collapsing during Cameroon's 1-0 defeat of Colombia in the semifinals, darkened the eight-nation tournament held in France over the past two weeks.

"Whoever wins, the match will be for (Foe), especially since Cameroon is in the final," France and Manchester United defender Mikael Silvestre said.

"We will all need a lot of courage. If Cameroon decides to play and finds the force to play then we will have to find that force, too."

Players, officials and fans were in no mood to celebrate the final.

FIFA dropped plans for pre-match entertainment. The Cameroon players were expected to wear Foe's name on their jerseys at the Stade de France.

The moment of silence at the start of the game is likely to evoke tears on the field and in the bleachers.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter complimented the Cameroon players on their decision to play the final despite the traumatic loss of Foe.

Blatter described it as "proof that soccer brings hope."

But can soccer on the pitch survive such an emotional burden?

"It's really difficult, really hard," Cameroon captain Rigobert Song said. "Soccer's only a game."

France, playing on home turf, was a strong favorite as European champion to win the Cup from the outset. Its odds increased after Brazil's first-round exit, and it has won all four of its games so far.

Tuason Cup field down to 7

ONLY seven participants are left in the running in the Tuason Racing School (TRS) Top Driver Challenge after four hard-fought rounds at the Batangas Racing Circuit.

Sponsored by Ford Lynx and supported by Goodyear Tires, Adidas, Standard Insurance, Red Horse Beer, Drive Concept Wheels, Addict Mobile, Option Unlimited, Ambi Pur Car, Race Gear, AC Motorsports, K & N and H & R, Auto Extreme, Magic 89.9, HAS Travel, Trapik.Com and MTV Phil., the Challenge is a multi-disciplined race contest, wherein aspiring race drivers are being given the chance to pit their skills against other hopefuls in a series of progressively challenging tests that have so far included a video game competition, go-kart racing and circuit car track day.

The original field has been whittled down from 140 to 22, 18, 11 and now seven. The remaining participants are Jonathan Dael, Allan Honorato Colico, Jeff de Vera, Alexis Razon, Jeffrey Jan Borja, Jordan Fuentes and Bob Gage.

They will gather at the BRC anew for the fifth round this weekend. They will undergo a basic and advance racing car course, which will be followed by a shootout that will determine the top three winners of the competition, who will go on to compete in the Tuason Racing School-Ford Lynx Cup at the BRC on July 27.

For more information, contact the Tuason Racing School office at 531-2962 or visit www.tuasonracing.com.

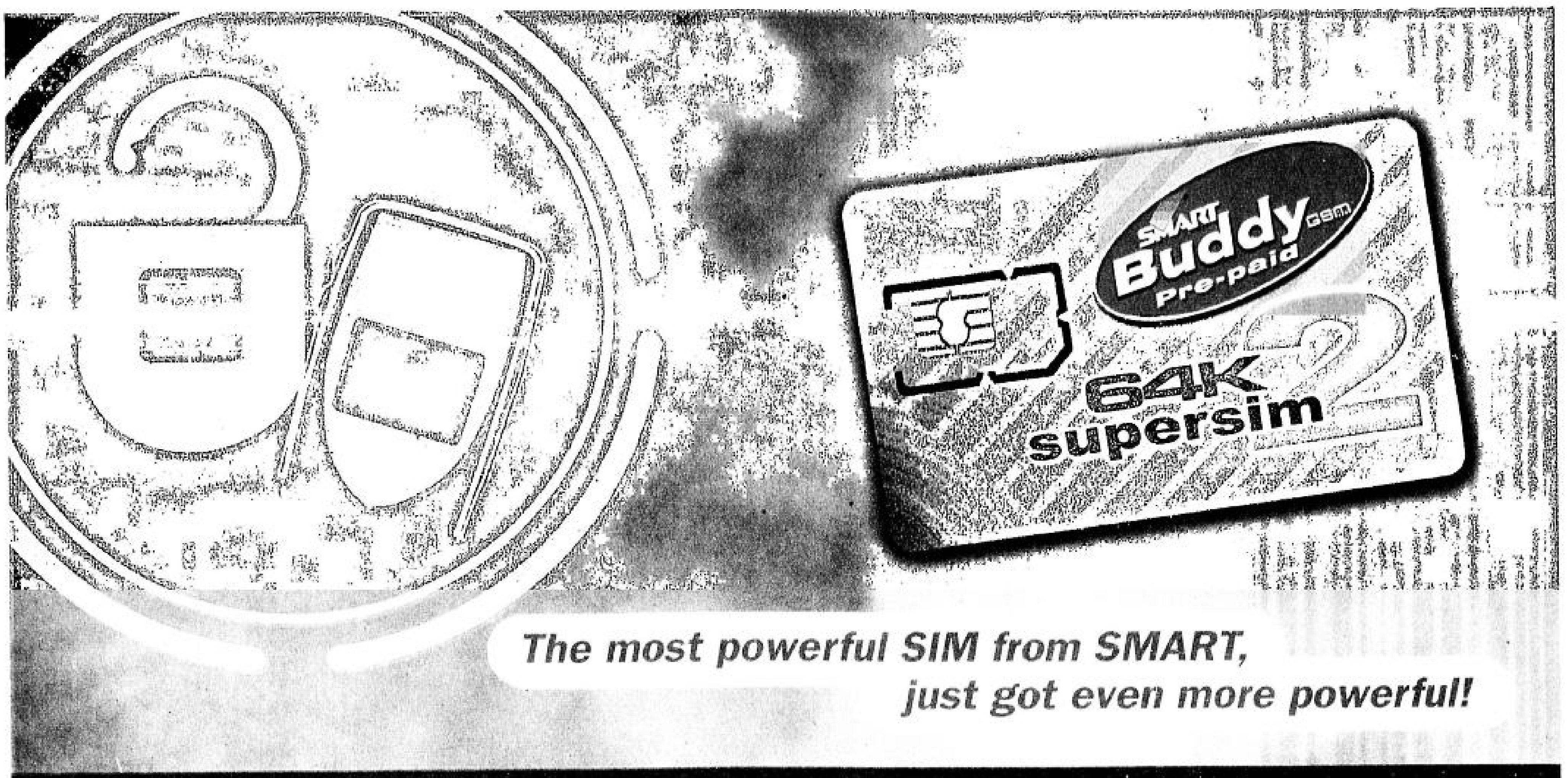
Heart attack ruled out

LONDON—The distraught wife of stricken Cameroon footballer Marc-Vivien Foe, who collapsed during the Confederations Cup sem-final against Colombia on Thursday and later died, has hit out at her husband's selection for the game.

A post mortem on the 28-year-old Manchester City forward ruled out a heart attack as the cause of death and Foe's wife Marie-Louise has revealed that her husband had been experiencing gastric problems in the days leading up to the tragedy.

"He should not have been playing at all. He desperately wanted to play for his country in France, in his adopted home town of Lyon," said the 26-year-old as she wept, recalling how he had seen a doctor on the day of the match, played in 32 degree (80 farenheit) temperatures.

"But doctors should have stopped him. He'd had dysentry for two or three days. He'd had gastric problems and he knew he probably wasn't well enough to play." *AFP*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RHODES

CEO says his job is better than theirs

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

SKIP Rhodes has a job that even the CEOs of one of the world's largest firms envy.

Rhodes is the manager of the Corporate Community Involvement department of ChevronTexaco Corp., which means he is responsible for managing and directing all consolidated charitable, and business expense contributions and programs for the firm and the participating ChevronTexaco companies worldwide.

In other words, Rhodes "gives money" and support to projects in 180 countries where the oil firm has a presence.

He is the man whom people ask money for all the time. And he is the one who is constantly travelling traipsing all over the world to see how some of the projects are doing.

He emphasizes however that that "No we are not giving away money. We are investing in communities," he says.

Chevron is the third largest oil firm in terms of global oil and gas reserves with more than 11 billion barrels of oil and gas equivalent and fourth largest in global oil and natural gas production.

In the Philippines, its subsidiary is Caltex Phils. Inc. Chebvron and Texaco merged in October 2001. Prior to the merger, they each owned 50 percento f Caltex.

Rhodes says that in his 44-year career in Chevron, he has been under three CEOs and to each CEO he had stated that "Next to you, I have the best job in the company."

He says all three then told him, "I think YOU got the best job."

The 66-year old former mayor of Piedmont, California, a town of 11,000 inhabitants, says he is probably one of the few people in the world, who wakes up each morning and says "Hey, I can hardly wait to get in to do my work."

Even if work means travelling 25 percent of the time to the different countries where ChevronTexaco has presence or has affiliates.

Rhodes says one of the perks of his job is he gets to meet different kinds of people.

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US direct selling company said Friday it has signed an agreement with Guangzhou Economic Technological Development Zone to invest an additional $120 million in China. AFP

Nestlé now leader in ice cream market after takeover of Dreyer's

NEW YORK—Nestlé SA, the world's top food group, has completed a $2.5 billion takeover of Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream Holdings Inc. , making it joint leader of the $30 billion global ice cream market.

Dreyer's, which named two new executives on Thursday, said Nestlé now owns about 67 percent of the stock of Dreyer's Holdings, a new public company that holds the US frozen dessert business of both Dreyer's and Nestlé .

Alberto Romaneschi will be chief financial officer at Dreyer's Holdings, replacing Timothy Kahn, who will be chief operating officer and work on the companies' integration.

US regulators approved the combination earlier on Thursday. To gain approval for the takeover from the US.

Federal Trade Commission, Nestlé agreed to sell the Dreamery and Whole Fruit brands along with its Godiva license.

Dreyer's Holdings class A common stock will begin trading on Nasdaq on Friday.

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CEO says his job is better than theirs

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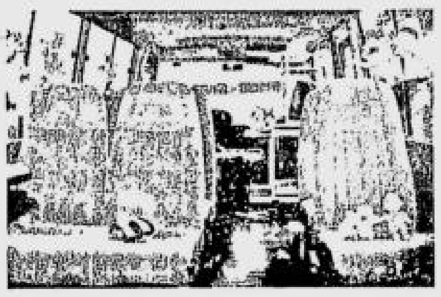
DSWD Secretary Dinky Soliman, together with Chevron Texaco corporate community involvement manager Skip Rhodes, Batangas Gov. Hermilando Mandanas (partly hidden), Caltex Philippines Inc. country chairman and CFO Tim Leveille and grade school students at the Padre Imo Luna Elementary School in San Jose, Batangas, ride on the newly inaugurated Caltex Classroom on Wheels. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

THE "CLASSROOM" is equipped with TV that airs children's specials and informative documentaries.



A PEEK inside the Classroom on Wheels.

chief of staff. It can be the staff in a hotel I stayed in for eight weeks."

After finishing business administration from the University of California, Berkeley, he served as an infantry officer with the US Army.

In 1959 he joined Chevron and in the four decades with the company, has held 17 various positions in transportation, logistics and supply, marketing, anti trust litigation, business planning, government and public affairs.

He has stayed a decade and a half in corporate involvement. Last year his group's budget reached $63 million (P3.34 billion). This year the total is expected to reach some $84 million (P4.45 billion).

The Philippines is one of the largest community budgets of the Caltex Phils. Inc. business units but the firm prefers not to give the exact figure.

Rhodes was in Manila recently to launch two projects of Caltex Phils. Inc., in Batangas—the Family Science Project and the Classroom on Wheels.

Classroom on Wheels is a mobile facility which aims to go beyond the boundaries of the school grounds and teach skills training and functional literacy to the disadvantaged children in the province.

The Family Science is a multilingual program for elementary school children, parents and teachers that develops interest in sciences through an innovative hands-on curriculum demonstration on how science connects to their daily lives. Its long term goal is to encourage children with diverse backgrounds to consider careers in science, math and engineering.

Family Science is guided by the Lawrence Hall of Science of the UC Berkeley—a pioneer in the development of model programs for science and mathematics.

Family Science is also implemented in the US and Mexico while Classroom on Wheels is only in the Philippines.

Rhodes says there are two business drivers in deciding upon a project—a recognizable community need and a business reason.

It is of course a given that the projects must be in areas where there are employees of Chevron and its affiliates or where it has facilities in.

The corporate managers of the different subsidiaries and branches submit their project proposals after which Rhodes' team evaluates and submits for approval to the Chair.

He says he is glad that all three Chevron chairmen that he has been under have all been the "number one champions of what we do in the community."

ChevronTexaco is in the middle of formulating one theme for its projects. The firm got representatives from the different offices to draw up a proposal as to what kinds of projects the firm should sponsor. The theme must be one that will clearly and positively be associated with the old firm.

Rhodes, meanwhile flew to Singapore and then Paris after his visit to Manila.

He is married to a lady whom he describes has having raised $1 million in a historic preservation project.

He has two sons, the youngest of which is the spokeperson fo the San Francisco giants. His other son teaches Spanish.

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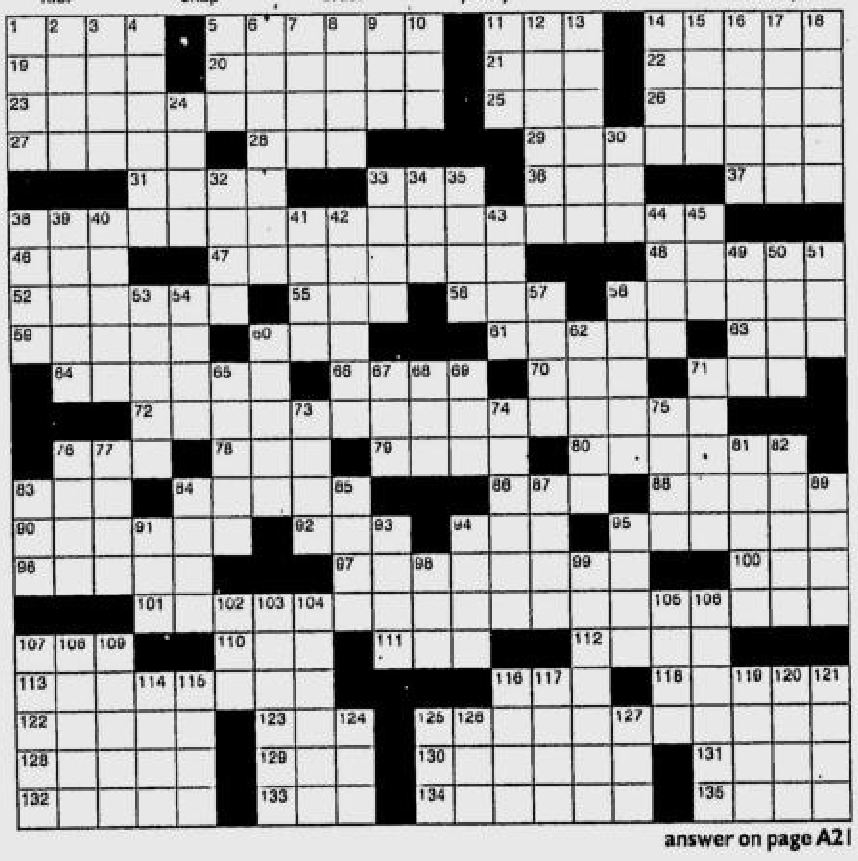

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Even those without sight can now use the computer

By Alexa H. Bacay

WHAT use is a computer to a blind person if he cannot see the screen nor point the mouse to a desired icon? Some may think that learning how to read and write in Braille is enough for the visually challenged, and complicated tasks requiring sight such as the use of a computer should be left to those who can see. Believe it or not, because of recent technology, the visually challenged can now make full use of the ubiquitous PC, just like any sighted person.

Resources for the Blind (RBI), a non-profit charitable organization, in cooperation with IBM Philippines and Nippon-Overbrook Foundation, has come up with an annual national computer camp for blind students dubbed "Computer Eyes."

Twenty blind high school students from different parts of the country are chosen to undergo intensive two-week computer training. This workshop focuses on topics such as word processing, e-mail, Internet surfing and even Web publishing.

Through the use of software that employs a speech synthesis program called JAWS (Job Access With Speech), blind students can learn the basics of operating a computer. Instead of the mouse, keyboard commands are used allowing the visually challenged to choose from menus, commands or icons. A headset connects the user to the computer allowing him to "listen to the monitor." This is possible because the application translates what one sees on the monitor into synthesized speech.

If one thinks that the computer has to have a special keyboard for the blind, think again. The computers are just like what everybody uses now plus a headset. The keys and the commands are memorized by the students, bringing them one step ahead of the not-so-computer-literate sighted individual. A computer for the blind should not cost more because JAWS is a software. It is just a matter of installing it into the computer.

Computer Eyes is a workshop that began three years ago when RBI asked IBM if they can provide facilities for the project. Without hesitation IBM immediately extended assistance by providing the use of their state-of-the-art computer laboratory for training. This project is part of IBM's citizenship advocacy.

"The access technology that enables a blind person to make full use of computers is well developed and readily available in the Philippines. By providing training in this access technology, blind students can have a new avenue for personal development and greater employment opportunities created by the explosion of computer technology in the country," says Joaquin Quintos IV, IBM Philippines' country general manager and president.

Carlo Flores, one of the blind students, was very enthusiastic about the recently concluded "Computer Eyes III." His hobbies lie in programming, and he fondly informed the INQUIRER that he sometimes experiments and sets up simple telephone programs similar to voice mail that we use today. He plans to take Computer Science when he goes to college.

Gloribeth Dano, a senior high school student, was doubtful at first because she didn't have much training with computers. The other students seemed well-oriented with the tool compared with her. But she tried to cope and later on realized that she can do it.

"COMPUTER-EYES"

SPEECH synthesis program called JAWS enables the blind students to operate their computer.

The initial plan was to make this year's workshop an international computer camp for the blind. However with the onset of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or SARS, which affected many countries in Asia, the plan didn't push through. Hopefully, the international computer camp would be realized in the coming years, said IBM Philippines' country marketing manager Bernadette Nacario.

German mint to produce Ninoy Aquino gold coins

TO CELEBRATE Ninoy Aquino's 20th death anniversary, the Spirit of Edsa Foundation and the Mayer's Mint of Germany with its partner GoldQuest International Ltd., will launch the Ninoy Aquino Commemorative Gold Coin.

Ninoy Aquino will be the sixth personage to be honored in GoldQuest's "Champions for Peace Series" legal tender gold coin collection minted by the 130-year-old Mayer's Mint of Germany under the issuing monetary authority of the Knights'of Malta's Sovereign Order of the Hospitaller's of St. John of Jerusalem.

The "Champions for Peace Series" limited mintage gold coin collection was launched in May 2000 to honor men and women who rallied for the freedom and welfare of humanity through peaceful means. In this series, Ninoy Aquino will join the ranks of Pope John Paul II, Mahatma Gandhi, Princess Diana, John F. Kennedy and Mother Teresa. Ninoy is remembered as one of the key figures who rallied for the restoration of freedom and democracy in the Philippines, during the martial law period in the 1970s. His assassination on Aug. 21, 1983 sparked a series of events that led to the 1986 Edsa people power revolution.

The Mayer's Mint will produce the Ninoy Aquino Commemorative Gold Coin with 999.9 fine gold content in mint proof quality, the highest minting standard. The Mayer's Mint has been responsible for the minting of medals and commemorative coins for the 1936 Berlin Olympics as well as for the more recent historic tearing down of the Berlin Wall in 1989, among others. The coin will be exclusively marketed worldwide through its partner GoldQuest International Ltd. with the Spirit of Edsa Foundation as the main beneficiary wherein part of the proceeds of the coin sales will go to the building of the People Power Museum.

GoldQuest, an international retailer of quality gold products, was established in 1998 in Hong Kong. It has grown to be one of the top five numismatics company in the world with representative offices in the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, India, United Arab Emirates and Taiwan. The success of GoldQuest can be attributed to its use of an e-commerce business strategy that has resulted in the expansion of its customer base to 500,000 in over 100 countries in just four years. Because of this, GoldQuest has been cited by DataQuest, one of Asia's leading IT magazine, as having one of the busiest Internet transaction portals in Asia. It has also been acknowledged by Microsoft as an e-commerce leader that has utilized technology in building a successful global business .

The Ninoy Aquino Commemorative Gold Coin is an accolade for a modern day hero who peacefully championed for the freedom of the Filipino people. The grand launching of the coin will be in August 2003 to coincide with Ninoy's 20th death anniversary celebration.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Spirit of Edsa Foundation, GoldQuest and Mayer's Mint during the signing of the MOA for the Ninoy Aquino Commemorative Coin Project. In front (from left) Vivian Drilon, Bernhard Mayer, Joseph Bismark, Christopher Carrion and former Press Secretary Teodoro Benigno. Standing (from left) are Gene Drilon, Gerry Rollin, Vic Asuncion, Janice Sarino, Cynthia Carrion, Jose Alejandro, Ramon Carrion and Alan Padua.

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Editor Aries Espinosa

Manila Film Festival 2003 unreels at SM City Manila

IT WAS a dazzling night of movie luminaries at the recent opening of the Manila Film Festival 2003 at SM City Manila, which premiered all six entries at the mall's cineplex.

No less than Manila Mayor Joselito Atienza was there to grace the opening ceremonies. He was later joined by Caloocan City Mayor Rey Malonzo and Bong Revilla in the ribbon cutting ceremonies.

The stars came out that night as some of the country's hottest celebrities thrilled mall goers as they walked on the red carpet. These included Premiere Production's "Operation Balikatan" stars Caloocan City Mayor Rey Malonzo, Eddie Garcia, Monsour del Rosario and Roi Vinzons.

There was also a lot of red carpet action with the cast of RP Brothers Production's "Alab ng Lahi" led by Robin Padilla, Hongkong action star Jackie Woo, and Anne Curtis.

Wowing the crowds were the sultry stars of Jagg Entertainment's "Ang Huling Birhen sa Lupa", Ara Mina and Maui Taylor, as well as MAQ Production's "Sanib" topbillers Aubrey Miles, Carlo Muñoz and Raymond Bagatsing.

Adding star power were Christopher de Leon, Regine Velasquez, and Dingdong Dantes of Viva Films' "Pangarap Ko ang Ibigin Ka", as well as Bong Revilla, Regine Tolentino and Rochelle Panganiban of Imus Productions' "Bertud ng Putik".

Also seen enjoying the evening were producer Armida Siguion-Reyna, directors Joel Lamangan and Mel Chionglo, actor Marky Lopez, Raquel Villavicencio, Sandy Andolong and Pinky de Leon.

The Manila Film Festival 2003 premiere night is one of the many exciting events held at the SM Cinema.

'ALAB ng Lahi' star Robin Padilla with the movie's true to life character Luis Taruc.

'OPERATION Balikatan' star Eddie Garcia.

MANILA City Mayor Lito Atienza with Caloocan City Mayor Rey Malonzo and Bong Revilla gracing the opening ceremonies.

Pasquin wins the 2nd SM Bowling Cup

REINIER Pasquin, a freshman college student at Informatics won the grand prize in the recently concluded Second SM Bowling Cup National Finals at the SM City North-Edsa Bowling Center.

Pasquin, 17, who went home with P100,000 won over 300 bowlers, 99 of whom competed in the national finals, and five of whom advanced to the stepladder finals.

First runner up Isagani Villegas from SM City Fairview won P50,000; second runner up Raymond Galang from SM Megamall bagged P25,000; while third runner up Michael Lim of SM City North-Edsa brought home P15,000. Completing the winning circle was Levi Barbacena, who received P12,000.

High game winners in both the female and male categories each received a 21 inch Samsung Electronics television set. These included Francis Villaflor from SM City Fairview with 308 pinfalls; Eddie Bautista from SM City Fairview with 289; Cynthia Cua from SM City Cebu - the only female bowler qualified for the national finals - with 246; and Ching Amante from SM City Fairview with 241.

Sponsored by Pepsi, Nature Spring, and Accel, the Second SM Bowling Cup is one of the many exciting events of the SM Bowling Centers in SM Megamall, SM City North-Edsa, SM City Fairview, and SM City Cebu. The 3rd SM Bowling Cup will be launched on July 6, at all SM Bowling Centers.

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BOWLING champ Reinier Pasquin received P100,000 in cash and a trophy, awarded by Pepsi's Dodie Simba and SM Bowling Center's Art Razote and Rory Bat-og.

THE SPONSORS of the bowling tourney were also present during the awarding rites. These include Philippine Spring Water's Alex Loquinario, Pepsi's Dodie Simba, Nature Spring's Jesus Mandreza Jr., MGM Chemicals' George Ong Tan and wife Rose Ong Tan with - SM's Ed Gaudier.

The Manila Philharmonic Orchestra at The Podium

THE MANILA Philharmonic Orchestra will delight mall goers at The Podium with a whole afternoon of wonderful music on Tuesday, July 1, and Wednesday, July 2 at the mall's second floor activity center.

The full orchestra will begin at 12:00 p.m. with a repertoire of light classics, ballads, movie themes, and fusion music. This will be followed by an hourly performance by the various orchestra players - a brass quintet playing baroque, classical , Beatles, and ragtime music at 1:10 p.m.; a woodwind quintet with classical, Tagalog classics, and ballads at 2:20 p.m.; a percussion ensemble playing modern music at 3:30 p.m. A string orchestra will then serenade mall goers with love songs, ballads, waltzes and pop music at 4:40 p.m.; and a big bass Jazz group will play ballads, Latin, and Jazz rhythms at 5:50 p.m. The full orchestra will be back in the evening at 7:10 p.m. with waltzes, OPM, Broadway, pop music, movie themes and marches.

Established by Rode Colmenar, who also serves as its musical director and principal conductor, the MPO is composed of classically trained musicians who graduated from the country's leading conservatories under the tutelage of renowned international artists.

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Nestle Philippines Inc. was recently recognized as one of the Top Ten Business and Realty Taxpayers in Quezon City for 2002 by the Quezon City local government and the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCCI) Gil Orozco (center) and Mary Ellen Nuñez (second from left) of the Nestle ice cream division received the award. The Quezon City Local Government Unit had the highest revenue collection for 2002.

GOODMAN FIELDER TAPS CSP INT'L

Australia's largest food company, Goodman Fielder has appointed CSP International Commodities Corp. as product distributor in Metro Manila and Cebu. The partnership agreement was forged by top officials of both companies. CSP International specializes in trading of food products, ingredients and other consumer items sourced from local as well as foreign suppliers. It is headed by a hands-on management team led by its chair, Samuel Senoren, and president, Maritess Concepcion. Sales manager is Elizabeth Marzo. Its offices are located at 18/F Prestige Tower, Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City; tel. nos. 634-0270, 634-0274; fax (632) 634-0275; email csprint@info.com.ph. Photo shows US ambassador Francis Ricciardone, Terry Baker of New Zealand, and Robert Collette of Canada, and US Agricultural Trade director Michael Woosely sampling the products of Goodman Fielder at the 'World's Finest Food' trade fair recently held at the Hotel Intercontinental in Makati City. At right is CSP International president Maritess Concepcion.

CHECKING RICE QUALITY

National Food Authority Administrator Arthur Yap examines the quality of rice the agency distributes in Zamboanga City market during his recent Independence Day visit to this city. To assure rice supply stability especially during the coming lean months, Yap has intructed the agency's field officials to inject to the market only quality rice to support NFA's Quality Rice Program. With him in photo are NFA Region IX officials including (from right) director Ernesto Macasinag, assistant director Mohammad Sali Asid, and NFA Zamboanga City manager Antonio Adorable.

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RD 3770 awards night

OUTSTANDING Rotarians of Rotary District 3770, headed by district governor Efren Martinez, will be honored during the annual "District Recognition and Awards Night 2003" at 6:00 p.m. today at the Holiday Inn Resort at Clark Field Pampanga. The blue-ribbon affair will be hosted by Area 18, under assistant governor Rodolfo Sta. Rosa, chair of the area composed of seven Rotary club presidents, namely Plecy Hermogenes (Sta. Maria), Lito Sarmiento (Marilao), Romy de la Cruz (Bocaue), Nonoy Aguirre (Meycauayan), Ed Soriente (Meycauayan Central), Domeng Tumandao (Meycauayan Metro) and Fely Gallardo (Mutya ng Sta. Maria). Past president Ben Matawaran of the Rotary Club of Bocaue chaired the screening committee which selected the awardees.

Bridal fair at the Manila Hotel

BLESSED Concepts Production in cooperation with Calcitrate Plus will stage a bridal and debut fair and exhibit today. The event dubbed as "Celebrating Eve: A journey to womanhood" will be held at the Fiesta Pavilion of Manila Hotel. Some of the exhibitors are Sonaire Club Spa; MCM Grand Photography; F. Topacio Mayuga Photography; Shotwell Studios; Studio A; Blissful Tiffany Chairs; Flowers of May; Nostalgia; VTL Printing Services; Grand Banquets Network; Palmos Wedding Complete; Wedding March; Alyn Batungbacal; HSBC; and Premier Holy Land Superior Cosmetic Line. Sponsors are Wave 89.1; WRR 'for life'; Filinvest Land Inc.; Socialite Press; The Banquet Specialty Shoppe Inc.; Jun Valbuena; Bantayog ng Kasaysayan; and AIA Hinoki Cosmetics. Admission is free. For details, contact Blessed Concepts Production at 251-7104 or 0918-5638977 and Manila Hotel at 527-0011.

National Book Store Instant Pabunot promo

BE A part of the Back-to-School Instant Pabunot fun happening in National Book Store branches nationwide until June 30. Simply buy P300 worth of items - as long as you include at least one participating product to your purchases, you get the chance to try your luck at the instant 'Pabunot' board. You may just pick out great instant prizes like National Book Store gift cheques, Smart Buddy 64K Super Sim packs, and even Harry Potter Book 5.

Basic photo course

LEARN more from the master photographers through the Asian mentor series by the Society of Portrait Photographers of the Philippines (SPPP). The basic photo course will be held today, at the Product Development and Design Center Phils. at the CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City. A product illustration seminar will be conducted by Ibarra Deri and Ramon "Baby" Blanco on July 19 and 26. On July 20 and 27, Chie Zamora and Rey Dalmacio will conduct a light painting seminar. Titled "Basic… and Beyond Photography Workshops", the seminars are ideal for photography enthusiasts. Sponsors are YKL Development and Trading Inc., Canon-Super East Asia, Fotohaus, Visio Lights and Yazal Marketing. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis because of limited space. For pre-registration look for Marsha at Fujifilm Image Service Center, Studio Room SM Megamall Basement or Beth at Once Upon A Lifetime Digital Studio, Unit 1010, tel. 806-1346. On site registration at Design Center Phils., during workshop hours or call 0916-4693388 / 0917-4118339 / 821-7978.

Leisure Farms' more prime lots

LEISURE Farms, the Philippines' first hobby farming and agro-tourism development, will be introducing the newest phase in the project's growing community today. Dubbed "Fresh, Farms, Fun" Leisure Farms' on-site event will be a refreshing day of family fun and entertainment, with farm-fresh activities which will give visitors a taste of the Leisure Farms experience. The grand launch starts at 9:30 a.m. Leisure Farms can be accessed through Diokno Highway from Aguinaldo Highway, Tagaytay. For more information call 807-8754 to 58 local 375. Leisure Farms is a quality development of Landco Pacific Corp. (www.leisurefarms.com or www.landcopacific.com.)

Asap holds symposium

THE first in a series of symposia by the American Studies Association of the Philippines (Asap) will be held at the University of the East Conference Hall (on Claro M. Recto St.) tomorrow at 9:30 p.m. The symposium has world environment for its theme, and will feature the following papers: "Environment and Communication" by Dr. Alexander Flor, vice-chancellor for research and development, UP Open University; "Environment and Social Change in the Philippines" by Evelyn Miclat, director for planning, Environmental Sciences for Social Change, an NGO based at the Ateneo de Manila University; "Spirituality and the Environment" by Dr. Wilhelmina Orozco, St. Scholastica's College; and "Ecocriticism: Nature and Environment in Literature" by Dr. Guillermo Pesigan, Ateneo de Manila University. For inquries call the office of Dean Carmelita Flores at UE 735-8539.

Book sale at OMF Lit

FOLLOWING the highly successful sale last year, OMF Lit brings back its annual Ukay Bookay. This month-long super book sale, coinciding with the celebration of the 7th Philippine Book Development Month, is ongoing until June 30 at the OMF Lit wholesale showroom, 776 Boni Ave., Mandaluyong City. With discounts ranging from 15 percent to 80 percent, Ukay Bookay features excellent Christian books by noted authors. Shoppers also get the chance to win prizes at the weekly and grand raffles. For more information, contact OMF Lit (Manila) 531-0141 / 747-9600 or (Cebu) (32) 412-5543. Email info@omflit.com or OMFLitCebu@OMFLit.com.

Sweet surprises for dad at Dunkin' Donuts

DELIGHT your dad with three fancy white chocolate flavored donuts with special frosting as a 'pasalubong' for being such a great father. For only 45, these goodies will definitely melt your daddy's heart. Promo is until June 30, so drop by Dunkin' Donuts and get your dad a bunch of sweet surprises.

Zoids event today

THE ZOIDS Museum was launched last May 5. Weekend activities conducted during the month-long exhibit were the following: Zoids drawing contest and video game free play; and Zoids Evolution workshop. The Zoids Evolution Contest II started last June 1. The entries for this contest are currently on exhibit at Toy Kingdom, SM Megamall. Judging and awarding of the said contest along with the drawing of winners for the Name as Many Zoids Contest is scheduled today, at 2:00 p.m. with RJ Ledesma as host.

Nanette Inventor w/ Gary V. at Onstage

ON JULY 3, seasoned comedienne Nanette Inventor performs in her 20th anniversary show entitled "Fat, 50 and F-a-a-abulous". Showtime is at 9:00 p.m. at Onstage Greenbelt. Nanette will take you on a funny rendezvous with her hilarious character sketches, signature antics and vocal prowess. She will be joined by Mr. Pure Energy Gary Valenciano, and they will be backed up by Powerplay. Direction is by Floy Quintos and musical direction is by Ding Faustino. Tickets to the show is priced at P600, P900 and P1100. Available at all TicketWorld outlets in major National Book Store branches, Robinsons Department Store (Malate and Galleria), Tower Records (Makati and Alabang), Music Museum (Virra Mall, Greenhills), Ayala Center Glorietta 1 ticket booth cinema lobby, Onstage Greenbelt Ticketron and online at www.ticketworld.com.ph. For ticket inquiries and reservations call TicketWorld at 891-5610. "Fat, 50 and F-a-a-abulous" is a special production of Star Concerts and Manila Genesis Entertainment.

Electric firm exec spends birthday with the children

SOME 200 children from Pasig and Manila received a special back to school treat recently as they joined their parents and officials of their respective barangays in simple yet fun-filled weekends called "Munting Mukha ng Ligaya" hosted by Meralco chair Manuel M. Lopez. The events were in celebration of Lopez's birthday and his personal way of thanking Meralco customers for their support.

The children eagerly participated in the parlor games and the videoke and dancing.

Lopez became the "sorbetero" for a day as he scooped up ice cream and served snow cones for the children.

He was with wife Marite, sons Mike and Beaver, daughters-in-law Chris and Jackie Ejercito, sister Precy Psinakis and grandson Miguel.

Lopez said he felt blessed for the chance to celebrate his birthday with the children. It was "one of the best birthdays we ever had," he said.

Meralco has been conducting programs for the needy through its Corporate Social Responsibility office. It has regular medical and dental missions, relief operations and outreach and livelihood skills training.

The banner project of Meralco's community sponsorship program is the Teacher Education Project in which public high school teachers are given free seminars to improve their computer skills and to introduce them to other concepts of learning to enhance their teaching capabilities and improve the quality of public school education.

MERALCO chair Manuel Lopez a.k.a Mr. Sorbetero for the day.

Juan proves Filipinos are not lazy; but need to drink milk

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Baci figures revealed that the Philippines spends a total of $21 billion a year for the country's dairy requirement.

Every year, 99 percent of the liquid milk requirement is imported while only one percent comes from the Philippines.

Milk-joy produces 35 percent of that one percent of the liquid milk produced in the Philippines.

Since milk product is in excess worldwide, especially the United States, dumping of the excess milk to Third World countries in the form of sterilized and powdered milk as foreign aid has become advantageous to industrialized countries.

Importing sterilized and powdered milk and milk products has also become a profitable business.

"What I really find absurd are the advertisements of calcium-enriched milk. Milk already contains lots of calcium. When it is sterilized, all the calcium and other nutrients disappear. With powdered milk, it's worse because you get absolutely nothing. With the nutrients gone, sterilized and powdered milk companies just add artificial nutrients from other sources and say it's calcium-enriched," Katigbak says.

According to him, the most nutritious milk is fresh milk, something that international milk companies cannot provide to Filipinos.

"We made the weakness of liquid milk importers, which is the milk's shelf-life, as our strength. We lengthened the shelf-life of our milk by making it available and fresh for seven days," he says.

"That's the reason why we boast of the fact that we can produce world-class milk," Katigbak adds.

He stresses the need for young children and infants to drink milk.

"I think one of the major reasons why we have a failing education system is the malnutrition problem among Filipino children. How can a child focus on the lesson or think clearly if he is not given the nutrients he needs to grow physically and mentally?" Katigbak says.

Growing demand

Marketing the fresh milk in plastic bottles began in 1993 under the Milk-joy brand, which slowly inched its way to penetrate an industry saturated by imported milk products.

That time, Milk-joy ladies, who rounded the streets of the city carrying milk carts was also a hit, making Milk-joy a household name among Batanguenos.

The next couple of years saw Milk-joy penetrating the Metro Manila markets and distributing fresh milk to 14 leading supermarkets and directly to consumers at posh subdivisions and communities.

BATANGAS Agribusiness Center president Johnny Katigbak has reaped off the product of hardwork and perseverance.

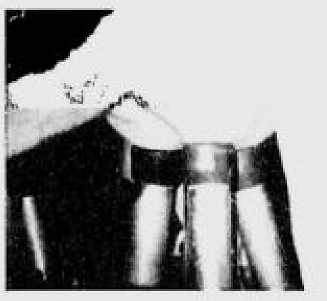
Kesong puti (white cheese) followed in 1995 and debuted into the menu of various hotels and restaurants in the country. Kesong puti, a soft white cheese developed with rennet enzyme, is a traditional Filipino specialty food.

Now, aside from fresh milk and white cheese, Milk-joy also produces chocolate milk and yogurt.

"Milk-joy has grown by leaps and bounds. The problem before was how to market fresh milk among the Filipinos. The coffee craze and the sprouting of cafes brought a bigger market in the industry. Now, we can't even fill bigger demand for fresh milk," Katigbak says.

In 1998, Baci struck an agreement to supply fresh milk to Starbucks Coffee, under the distributorship of Rustan's Coffee Corp., whose cafes have mushroomed all over the metropolis.

In Batangas, Milk-joy's fresh milk caters to the A and B class, to the hotels and restaurants and the visitors from Manila who tour Lipa City to buy milk from the Bolbok plant.



MILKING the dairy cows is done twice a day, using the milking machine's four cups that pumps the milk from the cow's udder.

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Employing a total of 24 people in the Milk-joy plant, Katigbak supervises the milking process from the milking itself up to the deliveries.

With the growing demand for fresh milk, Milk-joy's daily production of 3.8 to 4 tons of fresh milk is still not enough.

"We now source the milk from Southern Luzon and Nueva Ecija. In Lipa, the biggest source is the dairy cooperatives like Badaco in Inosluban," Katigbak said.

The source

At the back of Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos-Recto's house in Barangay Inosluban, an 80-hectare dairy farm run by Badaco chair Jose Vicente Tarnate supplies milk for Milk-joy.

According to Tarnate, the cows came from New Zealand.

Numbering thousands, Tarnate says Badaco was able to increase the number of the dairy cows by artificial insemination and embryo transplant to help the breed multiply.

"Contrary to popular belief that dairy cows will not survive in the Philippines, or if they survived, they could only give very little milk, the cows here are healthy, mature fast, give more milk, give live birth more," Tarnate says.

He says the dairy cows produce an average of 12 liters of milk everyday, and the milking time is conducted twice a day, in the early morning and late afternoon.

"What we need now are more dairy farmers who would invest in this business. With the increased demand for fresh milk now, we need more dairy farms where we can source the milk," Tarnate says.

According him, any enterprising businessman who would want to be in the dairy business would not find it difficult to start, as Badaco is willing to lend an expert assistance.

"We have learned from the mistakes of the past, and we have learned how to deal with every dairy problem imaginable. We're now forging a linkage between farmers and the competitive market because we want the industry to expand," Tarnate says.

The dairy business has provided him and other farmers a chance to prove that the Filipino can excel even in the fresh milking business.

"And we have also proven that this business is good for the health and the environment. While staying here with the cows provides a therapeutic effect, the dairy cows complement the environment. They eat the grass and provide us with milk and their waste becomes organic fertilizer to the soil, which in turn helps the grass grow faster. And the cycle continues," he adds.

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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ROBERTO A. CRUZ was extrajudically settled among his heirs with waiver of shares as per Doc. No. 109; Page No. 23; Book No. V; Series of 2003 under Notary Public Atty. Epifanio P. Recana of Rodriguez, Rizal
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General Information

Document Type:	Pre-solicitation Notice
Solicitation Number:	RFA-4105-506-G03-01
Posted Date:	June 15, 2003
Response Date:	June 25, 2003
Closing Date:	July 25, 2003

Description

The EcoGov Project (EcoGov) is sponsoring a competitive, small grants program in support of the project objectives. EcoGov supports the GoP's and USAID Philippines' goal or revitalizing the economy by promoting better environmental governance, stimulating economic growth, and increasing food security. The EcoGov project addressed critical threats to the country's coastal resources and forests, primarily, over fishing and use of destructive fishing practices, and illegal logging and conversion of natural forests. The program will also strengthen the ability of LGUs to implement integrated solid waste management (ISWM). Activities focus on three priority regions: Mindanao (Region IX, ARMM, and Region XII), Central Visayas (Region VII), and Northern Luzon (Region II). The project aim is to build transparency and accountability in national and local environmental governance in order to improve the management of costal resources, forests, and solid waste.

EcoGov will be accepting applications in response to an RFA for environmentally-focused activities relating to IEC/advocacy, micro-enterprise/investment, institutional/governance strengthening, and improved environmental management. Awards will be for not more than one year in duration. Organizations interested in participating in this grant program should submit an application in response to the RfA, not to this notice.

EcoGov intends to issue a written request for applications (RfA) in approximately two weeks. The RFA will be available electronically, via email, and in hard copy to potential Offerors. Requests for a copy of the RFA by e-mail should be sent to Christy_Owen@dai.com. Requests may also be mailed to Christy Owen, Project Administrator, 2-3/F, M&L Building, #29 Visayas Avenue cor. Road 1, Project 6, Quezon City, or sent by fax to the attention of Christy Owen on (632) 927-8836. The closing date for receipt of applications shown in this notice is tentative; the final closing date will be designed in the RFA. All requests should include organization's name, contact point, address, phone number and e-mail address. All responsible sources may submit an application, which shall be considered by EcoGov.

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The pre-qualification documents/forms can be secured from the PBAC-ITR Secretariat, Philippine Postal Savings Bank Inc., 2nd Floor, PostalBank Center, Liwasang Bonifacio, Manila from **June 30, 2003 to July 1, 2003**. The submission of the pre-qualification forms is scheduled on July 3, 2003.

The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defects or informalities contained therein or accept the offer/bid considered most advantageous to the bank.

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(Sgd.) **POMPEYO E. REQUINTA JR.**
Chairman, PBAC-ITR

(PDI - June 28, 29 & 30, 2003)

National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

NPC-PSD 2003-004

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)-PSD of NPC invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following requirements.

Date of Bidding : July 11, 2003 - 10:00 a.m.
Pre-Bid Conference : July 07, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.
E-bidding : July 15, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE	ITEM/DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER	ABC
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Complete sets of Application form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Procurement Services Division, Materials Management Dept. of NPC, Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of PHP 100.00 per schedule starting on June 23, 2003. Last day of issuance of bid documents on July 04, 2003.

Issuance of eligibility forms and bid documents mornings only, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Bidder is oblige to participate in e-bidding. Failure to do so will be a sufficient ground for disqualification.

Bids will be received at the assigned Bidding Room, PSD, MMD, NPC, Diliman, Quezon City on the date and time specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders. Certificate of Registrations issued by former Genco Offices will be honored provided that the Certification is still valid.

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(PDI - June 22 & 29, 2003)

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INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

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PEA is inviting health maintenance offices to submit pre-qualification documents for the bidding of the health care services for all qualified officers and employees of PEA and their dependents.

Interested parties may acquire pre-qualification forms from the Office of the Chairman of the BAC, 8th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City starting 25 June 2003 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00

The duly accomplished pre-qualification documents must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., 02 July 2003 at the Office of the Chairman of the BAC, 8th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

The approved budget cost for the health care services is P1,880,000.00, chargeable against the PEA Personnel Services Benefits Fund. The contract for health care services shall commence on August 16, 2003 to August 15, 2004.

Schedule of Pre-bid conference shall be held on 14 July 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the PEA Conference Room. Deadline of submission of bids will be on 24 July 2003 at 10:00 a.m., and the opening of bids will be at 2:00 p.m. of the same day.

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(Sgd.) ARMINDA A. ALARAS
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(PDI – June 22 & 29, 2003)

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INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that **OLD CRASH CART, etc.** will be sold through sealed bids by the Disposal Committee for equipment on an **"as-is-where-is"** basis on **August 28, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Pacemaker Room, Basement, Medical Arts Building.

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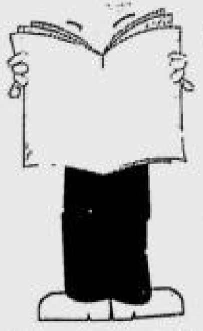
(PDI - June 27, 28 & 29, 2003)



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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 02-11-2003

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Name of Project : Janitorial Service - CF-Bacolod
Brief Project Description : One (1) year Janitorial Service Contract
Total Floor Area: 6,579.64 square meters
Required Personnel: 27 Janitors
Approved Budget : Three Million Pesos (P 3,000,000.00)
Source of Fund : Internally

Only contractors duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered contractors must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Division (SRED), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Mla., Tel. No. 526-0573 or at the Branch Property Office, Casino Filipino-Bacolod, Telephone Numbers (034)-434-6901 to 11 locals 126 & 127.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance **from June 21, 2003 to July 9, 2003** at the BAC Secretariat Unit (BSU), PPD-Corporate Office or BBAC Secretariat, CF-Bacolod upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00).*** In order to secure the documents, interested bidders should primarily submit a **Letter of Intent** including the names of at least five (5) authorized representatives of the company that will handle the above-mentioned project to the BSU, PPD-Corporate Office or BBAC Secretariat, CF-Bacolod **not later than 5:00 p.m., July 8, 2003.**

Pre-Bid Conference : July 9, 2003 (4:00 p.m.)
Submission of Bids : July 24, 2003 (2:00 p.m.)
Opening of Bids : July 24, 2003 (2:00 p.m. onwards)

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the Branch Bids and Awards Commitee, CF-Bacolod.

(Sgd.) **MICHAEL J. BAILEY**
Chairperson, BBAC CF-Bacolod

(PDI--June 22 & 29, 2003)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the general public that the **International Manpower Resources Services, Inc. (IMaRSI)**, a duly registered corporation with office at Suite 302, Prestige Tower, Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City is currently applying for a license to operate as a placement agency from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bids and Awards Committee of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI BAC) is inviting interested Branch Office (s) / Subsidiary (ies) in the Philippines, of Direct Manufacturers of branded computers, duly organized under Philippine laws, to qualify and bid for the supply, delivery and installation of computer package consisting of the following:

Package	Procurement Items
School Package	10 PCs, 2 printers and 1 external modem for a minimum of 1,000 public high schools located nationwide
LGU Package	1 Server, 4 PCs and 1 printer for a minimum of 250 LGUs located nationwide
DTI Package	4 PCs and 1 printer for a minimum of 106 DTI Offices located nationwide

The project is funded by the Government of Japan under the Non-Project Grant Assistance. The approved Agency Budget is Five Hundred Fifty-Nine Million Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Pesos (P559,770,000.00)

Bid documents may be obtained from the Office of Special Concerns c/o Maribeth Fullon / Dexter B. Gianan, from **June 30 to July 7, 2003** after paying the non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) at the Office of Special Concerns (OSC), 5/F DTI Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, during regular office hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM).

A pre-bid conference will be held on July 9, 2003, 10:00 AM at the Conference Room, 6/F DTI Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

The submission and opening of the Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial proposals will be on July 24, 2003, 9:00 a.m. at the Conference Room, 6/F DTI Bldg., 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

The contract duration is for three (3) years and delivery period is one hundred twenty (120) days.

The DTI BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of its bids, and will entertain only such bid/s established to be most advantageous to the Government.

For inquiries, please contact Dir. Dita M. Marallt / Lydia R. Guevarra through tel. nos. 890-5123 and 897-1718, Fax no. 890-4816 and E-mail address DitaMaralit@dti.dti.gov.ph.

By Authority of the Secretary of Trade and Industry.

(Sgd.) ARMIN B. RAQUEL-SANTOS
Assistant Secretary
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(PDI – June 21 & 29, 2003)

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Early Childhood Development Project
Printing and Reproduction of Various IEC Materials
IFB No. WB-ECD-03-DOH-003

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Early Childhood Development Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.

2. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the printing and reproduction of the following IEC materials:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit
1	IMCI Wall Chart (1 pcs set)	30	Sets
2	IMCI Basic Skills Module	2,500	Sets
3	IMCH Counseling Cards	10,400	Copies
4	ECCD Card	3,500,000	Copies

3. Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the Office of Procurement and Logistics Service, Building 26, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila with telephone number (632) 338-3413 to 14. fax number. (632) 743-9582, 711-6831 from 24 June to 21 July 2003, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) or US$150 including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be cash or bank draft. If payment is in form of bank draft, the check should be for the account of the Department of Health. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.

6. Bids must be delivered at the HHRDB Conference Room, Department of Health, Building 12A, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila at or before 9:00 a.m. on 22 July 2003. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid. Late bids will be rejected outright and returned unopened to the bidder.

7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the HHRDB Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. on 8 July 2003.

8. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend on 22 July 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the HHRDB Conference Room, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

By the authority of the Secretary:

(Sgd.) ALEXANDER A. PADILLA
Undersecretary and Chairperson
Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

Inquirer--June 22&29, 2003

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The following persons are hereby notified of their overdue payments on their installments for the purchase of the following real estate properties, namely:

NAME	PROPERTY	PAYMENT(S) DUE
Dale Bandalan	Neopolitan, PVI B168 L56 TCT#37566	2,563,465.90
Adeliza Tibayan	Neopolitan, PVII B202 L1 TCT#37824	1,793,841.27
Zollo Lapuz	Neopolitan, PI B132 L29 TCT#N-85434	2,335,464.85

The above-named-persons are hereby given a grace period of two (2) months from publication of this notice within which to pay the above mentioned sums to DBH Development Corporation at the 6th Floor, Renaissance Tower D, Meralco Ave., Pasig City. Failure to pay the above amounts shall result in the cancellation of the Contracts to Sell by DBH Development Corporation.

(PDI - June 29, 2003)

INVITATION TO BID

On an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis for the following TOTAL LOSS MOTOR VEHICLES classified as scrap / total wreck (not for restoration):

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CASCADE

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ERP-CASCADE is presently seeking **expressions of interest** from companies/groups in the context of its

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- ***Contract Management Module***
- ***Decision-Makers Module***

The overall contract length is estimated to nine (9) months and has a budget ceiling of €135,000. It is opened to local consulting companies or groups with specialization in engineering training.

All interested companies are required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI), accompanied by a company profile, by latest 07 July 2003 at the following address:

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On the First Death Anniversary of

DON MANUEL CANCIO

Who passed on to Eternal Life
on June 29, 2002.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass shall be offered at the following Churches:

Maria Reyna ng mga Apostoles Church .... 6:30 a.m.
Pinagsama Village, C-5 Western Bicutan, Taguig

Mary Mother of the Church .... 7:00 a.m.
BF Resort, Vista Grande Subd., Las Piñas City

Di Francia Center of Studies Seminary Chapel .... 8:00 a.m.
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Blessed Hannibal Seminary Chapel .... 8:00 a.m.
Don Bosco Village, Punta Princesa, Cebu City

Sampaguita Pictures Chapel .... 9:30 a.m.
Sampaguita Pictures Compound, Quezon City

Greenbelt Chapel .... 12:00 nn
Makati City

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UP Manila

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Forbes Park, Makati City

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Bel-Air, Makati City

Urdaneta Village .... 7:00 p.m.
Makati City

May our love be as strong as the
sinew that binds us together,
May our joys be as refreshing
as the waters of the river,
May our sorrows be as leaves
carried away by the current.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of the
1st and 2nd Anniversaries
of the Birth to Eternal Life
of

PRESÉNTACION "PRES" B. TUTAAN

and

MA. CRISTINE CHARITY "CHAT" B. TUTAAN NARVASA

respectively.

Eddie, **Ogie** with **Carlo**, **Coco**, **Gio** and **Patricia**, and **Redd** and **Minnie** request your prayers for the Eternal Repose of their souls.

The HOLY SACRIFICE of the MASS will be offered at the following churches:

Parish of the Holy Sacrifice 6:00 AM
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VICENTE BUGAYONG NEPACINA

Joined his Creator
on 27 June 2003 at the age of 76.

His bereaved wife **JOSEFA**; children **EDELITA N. SAN DIEGO & GRACE N. CABAUATAN**; sons-in-law, grandchildren, brothers & sisters, relatives and friends request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation will be announced later.

A LOVING FAMILY HOMAGE
ON HER FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

JOVITA S. EUGENIO – CASTRO

Lyric Soprano
(February 15, 1937 – June 29, 2002)
Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
and West Covina, CA

Her loving husband, ABELARDO (†); father, RAMON, Sr. (†); surviving mother, MARIA S. EUGENIO, 95; children JAYE, DEE, JIJI, JOHNDON, DOJIE, JOSHUA DAVID, and DINAH; brothers RAMON, Jr. and PACELLI; and sisters ESTHER and ALBA request relatives, friends, colleagues, and pious readers to remember JOVITA in their prayers.

"I have fought the good fight, ... finished the race
I have kept the faith ... a merited crown
awaits me." **2Tim 4:7-8**

LAMBERTO "TITO" J. DE LA FUENTE

of San Miguel, Bulacan & New Jersey
April 16, 1937 – June 21, 2003

His family – wife **Mercy**; children **Michael**, **Cristina**, **Michelle** & **May**; sister **Priscilla**; brothers **Domingo**, **Jesus** & **Sergio** request his relatives, friends and the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains will lie in state at the Capilla dela Virgen, Forbes Park, Makati on Tuesday, 01 July 2003. The Funeral Mass will be at the Santuario de San Antonio Church, 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, 02 July 2003.

In lieu of flowers, donations to San Miguel de Mayumo Foundation will be appreciated.

"... absent with the body to be present with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:8

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In Loving Remembrance

On the 3rd Death Anniversary of our Beloved

CYNTHIA E. TUANQUI VALTE

We, her family, relatives and friends deeply miss her presence but her loving memories will always remain in our hearts forever.

Holy Masses for her eternal peace and happiness will be offered at the following churches today, June 29, 2003:

- **St. Peter Parish Church**, *Quezon City* .... 12:00 nn
- **St. Timothy's Church**, *West LA, Ca., U.S.A.* ..... 12:00 nn
- **St. Martin de Porres**, *Yorba Linda, Ca., U.S.A.* 12:00 nn
- **St. John Church**, *23rd Geneva, Switzerland* ..... 11:00 am

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ALFREDO "EDDIE" PAZ MALLARI, JR.

of Marikina City, Philippines & Seattle, Washington, USA

April 25, 1939 - June 25, 2003

His bereaved family: wife **Teodora**; children **Mars**, **Mabel**, **Millicent**, **Fiona**, **Michael** and **Margarita**; mother **Anita**; brother **Vicente**; sister **Edna**; and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 in Seattle, USA.

"For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have Everlasting life."

John 3:16

"One thing I ask to dwell in the House of the Lord all my days; to gaze on His Goodness and walk in His Ways." *Psalm 27:4*

EXPEDITO HONTIVEROS SOLIDUM-II

Former Vice-Mayor of Ibajay, Aklan

Died in the Grace of Our Lord
on June 17, 2003 at the age of 81.

His bereaved wife NINFA S. TUMBOKON; children MOISES II & ELSIE ALFANE; METHYL & HARMUT KUNERT; MARION & WILLIE ROZAL; MARVIN EX III & PINKY NOBLEZA; MAYLEEN; grandchildren; brothers RENE and RAMIE (†); sisters CONSOLADORA (†); ARACELI (†) and TERESITA; brothers and sisters-in-law; nephews & nieces, relatives and friends request the readers to join them in prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment follows after the 9:00 A.M. Mass and Necrological services on Saturday, July 5, 2003 at the Family Plot at the Ibajay Catholic Cemetery.

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WILFREDO E. EVASCO	JUNE 29	9:00 A.M.	Holy Gardens Valley Memorial Park, Antipolo City	Chapel C Marian Memorial Chapels Marcos Hi-way, Antipolo City

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DRA. REMEDIOS DISONGLO YATCO

of Biñan, Laguna

Peacefully joined our Lord
on June 27, 2003 at the age of 88.

Her beloved husband **Pacifico San Luis Yatco** (deceased); her loving children **Nydia**, **Jaime** & **Eureka**, **Aleli** & **Gerard** (**Llana**), and **Annie** & **Armando** (**Yatco**); and grandchildren **James Paul**, **Honey Clare**, & **Jan Christian Yatco**, **Victor Emmanuel Llana**, **Anne Jillian** & **Brian James Yatco** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul and her eternal happiness in heaven.

Her remains lie in state at Funeraria Tala, Biñan, Laguna.

Interment will be on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 3 p.m. after 2 p.m. Mass.

Republic of the Philippines
National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Caraga Region
Agencia Española de Cooperacion Internacional (AECI)
CARAGA FOOD SUFFICIENCY PROJECT (CFSP) PHASE I
Nimfa Tiu Building, J. Rosales St., Butuan City
Telefax: 085-3417685

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Caraga, through the Caraga Food Sufficiency Project, a Spanish Government-funded development intervention, is now inviting all interested consulting firms/NGOs based and currently operating in Caraga Region to apply for eligibility and to bid for the implementation of the:

**CONSULTING SERVICES ON
INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAPABILITY BUILDING
FOR FARM LEVEL GRAINS CENTERS (FLGCs)
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION**

The consulting services will involve organizing, developing and strengthening the institutional structures that will govern and operationalize FLGC projects in the municipalities of Sta. Josefa and Prosperidad, both in Agusan del Sur, and Jabonga, Agusan del Norte.

The consulting services for the Sta. Josefa FLGC, which will cover the period August 2003 to September 2004, will be implemented ahead of the Prosperidad and Jabonga projects, and, consequently, its bidding process will also be ahead of the other two. However, the pre-qualification process for the three shall be conducted simultaneously.

The eligibility requirements and bid documents will be available at NEDA Caraga CFSP Office (c/o Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat) starting June 30, 2003.

Interested bidders are requested to submit their eligibility requirements not later than 5:00 PM of July 11, 2003. The conduct of eligibility check will be done at 9:00 AM of July 14, 2003, after which, requests for technical and financial proposals will be sent to eligible bidders.

Deadline for submission of the bid/technical and financial proposals for Sta. Josefa FLGC will be on July 25, 2003, 5:00 PM and opening of the bid will be done on the same day. Two budget for the consulting services for the Sta. Josefa FLGC project is One Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P1,200,000).

Bidding for consulting services for Prosperidad and Jabonga FLGC projects will be announced later.

NEDA Caraga/CFSP reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. It also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, declare a failure of bidding, or decide not to award the contract. It makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **CARMENCITA S. COCHINGCO**
Regional Director

(PDI – June 29 & July 6, 2003)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

NOTICE OF BIDDING

The National Food Authority (NFA) wishes to announce that it will be accepting sealed offers for the Sale thru Market Determined Pricing 37,000 MT (740,000 BAGS) more or less US Long Grain White Rice (4% Brokens) under 2002 USPL 480 Title 1 Program at the following indicative price:

a. Ex-NFA Warehouse, NCR - Php P18.50/kg or P925.00/bag

on July 3, 2003 and July 10, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City.

A pre-bidding conference shall be held on July 1, 2003 and July 8, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the same venue. In the pre-bidding conference, interested bidders shall bring the following:

a. Original and xerox copy of NFA license (retailing, wholesaling and milling).
b. In case of representative, a duly notarized authorization from the owner, partner, chairman or president that he or she is authorized to represent the business entity in the pre-bidding, bidding proper and all activities thereto.

All interested bidders shall submit a bid bond equivalent to 10% of the total bid price in the form of Cashier's Check or Manager's Check from any reputable bank in Metro Manila.

Interested bidders may secure the terms and conditions starting July 1, 2003 at DMO OCD, 5th Floor, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For any inquiries, please call tel. nos. 712-1572 and 712-1708.

Bid documents will be available on July 1, 2003 and July 8, 2003 to qualified bidders/offerors upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00.

The National Food Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality thereof, and to accept only such bids that are advantageous to the Agency.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP**
Administrator

(PDI - June 28 & 29, 2003)

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  - at least qualified to take PBS certifying examination and the submission of satisfactory results of the in-service training examinations

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7. Specialty Board Certificate in required specialty

Please address your communications to:

JOSE A. YULDE, M.D.
Assistant Director
Office of Education and Research
Philippine Heart Center
East Avenue, Quezon City

** Deadline for submission of application is on August 31, 2003*
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For further inquiries, please contact Ms. Carmela M. Ocasion (cp# 09196239902) or Ms. Cleopatra Q. Palencia (cp# 09163021735) with Tel. Nos. 925-2401 locals 3234, 3235, 3236 & 3237 and Telefax 926-9622, or you can email to oer@phc.gov.ph

(PDI - June 29, July 6, 13 & 20, 2003)

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Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS

RFP (IC) No. ECDP-WB/03-DSWD-004

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the World Bank - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (WB-IBRD) towards the cost of the Early Childhood Development Project (Loan No. 4301 PH). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the loan will be applied to eligible payments under this contract.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) now invites applicants for the Translation and Printing of **QUESTION AND ANSWER PRIMER.** Applicants must have at least 3 to 5 years experience in translating materials into Filipino language.
3. The objective of translating the materials into Filipino Language is for better appreciation and understanding of the existing IEC materials.
4. Interested applicants may submit their Application Letters, Curriculum Vitaes and sample works to the BAC Secretariat, 2nd Floor, DSWD Central Office, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City on or before 14 July 2003.

(Sgd.) RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary and
DSWD BAC Chairperson

(PDI - June 29, 2003)

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**PANGASIWAAN NG TUBIG AT
ALKANTARILYA SA METRO MANILA**
Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City 1105, Philippines
CORPORATE OFFICE

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF THE 50 MLD WAWA RIVER PROJECT

The existing water supply systems within San Mateo and Rodriguez (Montalban), both in the province of Rizal are supplied from deep wells operated by Manila Water Company, Inc. (MWCI) and from surface water provided by Balara. However, growing water demand in the area is difucult to cover from existing sources and deep wells render inadequate yield and are costly to operate. Thus, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) in cooperation with MWCI, is considering providing water to the area from existing Wawa Dam (the Project).

The Project will cmprise the renovation of the dam including intake structures, removal of silt from the reservoir, construction of a new transport pipeline and use of a packaged water treatment plant. The water treatment plant will be located close to the dam on a site already owned by MWSS, which has the right of way for the new pipeline. The plant's mechanical and electrical equipment has been provided under a previous project and is currently storerd in a warehouse.

MWSS secured a Technical assistance Loan from ADB to finance the consultancy services of the project. The consultancy services needed shall cover the preparation of Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design of the Project based on the scope of services stated in the Terms of Reference (TOR), a copy of which can be secured at the address stated below.

MWSS therefore is inviting Foreign and Local consultancy firms to submit their request for pre-qualification together with their company profile and organizational structure which will provide information regarding their field of expertise and specialization and the experiences of key personnel who will be assigned to undertake the required consultancy services. On the basis of the submissions, MWSS will shortlist the consultancy firms.

Consultants who expressed their desire to offer their services can obtain the pre-qualification statement/forms and submit the same in five (5) sets on or before 5:00 p.m. of **July 18, 2003** to the address stated below. Late submission will not be entertained.

Engineering and Project Management Department
Ground Floor, Engineering Building
Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City, Philippines
Telefax No. (632) 9222568

(Sgd.) **ORLANDO C. HONDRADE**
Administrator

(PDI - June 20, 25 & 29, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATONS
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INVITATION TO BID

The DOTC-MRT3 Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites all interested health care service providers to apply for pre-qualification to bid for the **PROCUREMENT OF THE HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE HEALTH CARE AND MAINTENANCE BENEFITS OF DOTC-MRT3 EMPLOYEES** with an approved budget for the contract of **THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS & 100/100 (P3,450,000.00).**

Accreditation requirements can be available to interested health care providers on 29 June to 07 July 2003 upon payment of non-refundable fee of P100.00 to the Administrative Division, DOTC-MRT3 Depot office, North Avenue, Cor. EDSA, North Triangle, Quezon City. Submission of duly accomplished and notarized pre-qualification documents shall not be later than 14 July 2003.

Bid documents and complete specifications are available for issuance on 22-24 July 2003 upon payment of P500.00, which is not refundable, and presentation of Notice of Invitation and Certificate of Accreditation.

The DOTC-MRT3 reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids proposals without offering any reason, waive any informality therein and make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government. This office, likewise, assumes no obligation for whatever losses that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of the bids nor does it guarantee that an award shall be made.

(Sgd.) **MARIO C. MIRANDA**
*Acting General Manager and Chairman,
DOTC-MRT3 Bids and Award Committee*

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Notice is hereby given that the application of **DIGITIZEDATA.COM, INC.** with principal office address at the 3/F Rodeo Bldg., 802 Km. 18 West, Service Road, South Superhighway, Parañaque City, for registration with the Board of Investments under Book I of the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, otherwise known as Executive Order 226 as New IT Service Firm in the Field of Medical Transcription, has been officially accepted on 14 May 2003 and is currently being processed.

Any person with valid objections to or pertinent comments on the above-mentioned application may file his/her objection in writing and under oath, with the BOI within one (1) week from the date of this publication.

(Sgd.) **FRANCISCO C. CHAVEZ**
*OIC-Director
Project Evaluation and
Registration Department*

(PDI - June 29, 2003)

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the application of **RIVERA AQUACULTURE PHILS. INC.** with office address at **Barangay Nulgan, Angat Bulacan** for registration with the Board of Investments under Book I of the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, otherwise known as E.O 226, as Amended, as **Expanding Producer of Tilapia (Hatchery and Grow-out)** at the following capacities:

Tilapia Fingerlings	-	**149.61 Million pieces per year**
Full Grown Tilapia	-	**210 MTPY**

with project site at **same office address stated above** has been officially accepted on **June 12, 2003** and is currently being processed.

Any person with valid objections to or pertinent comments on the above-mentioned application may file his/her objection, in writing under oath, with the BOI within one (1) week from the date of this publication.

Issued this 12th day of June 2003.

(Sgd.) **FRANCISCO C. CHAVEZ**
Director
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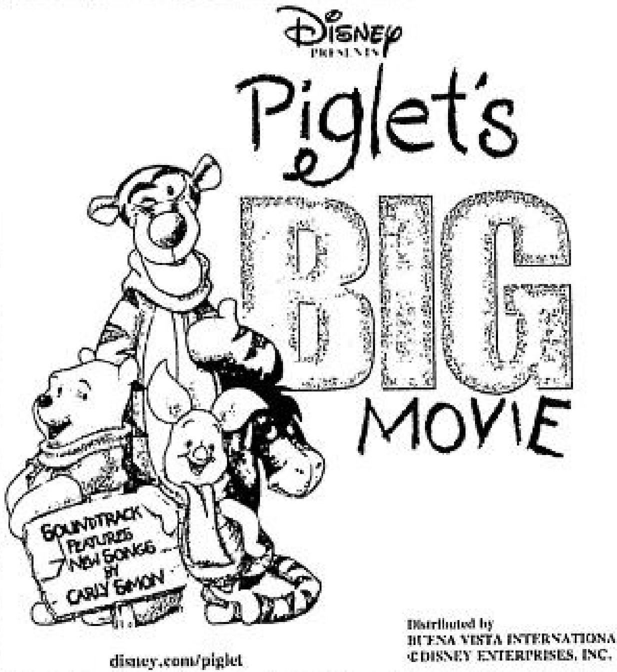
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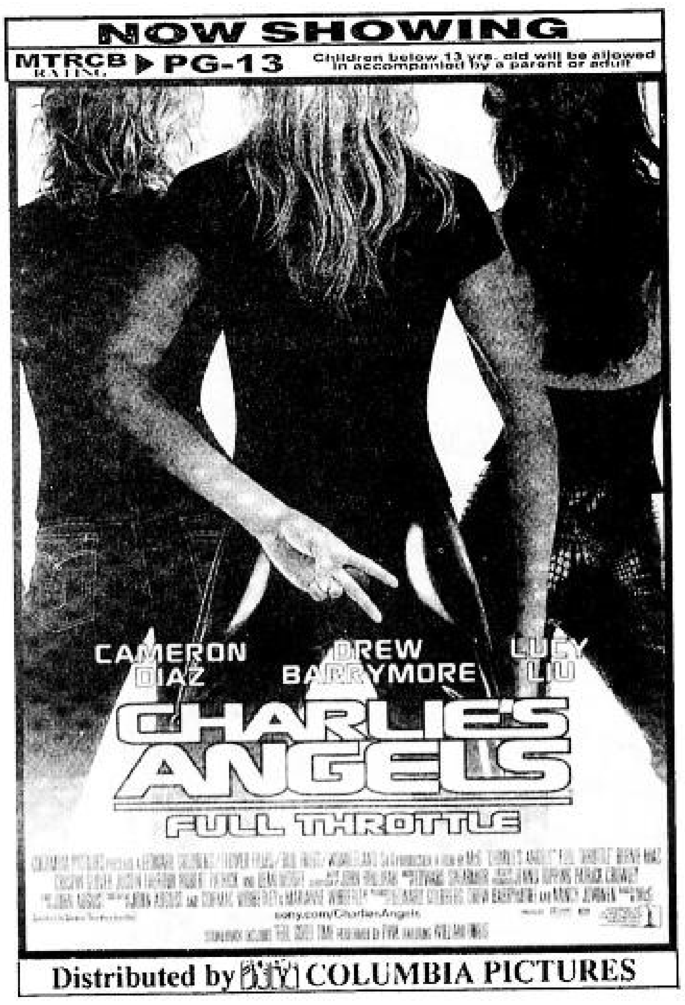
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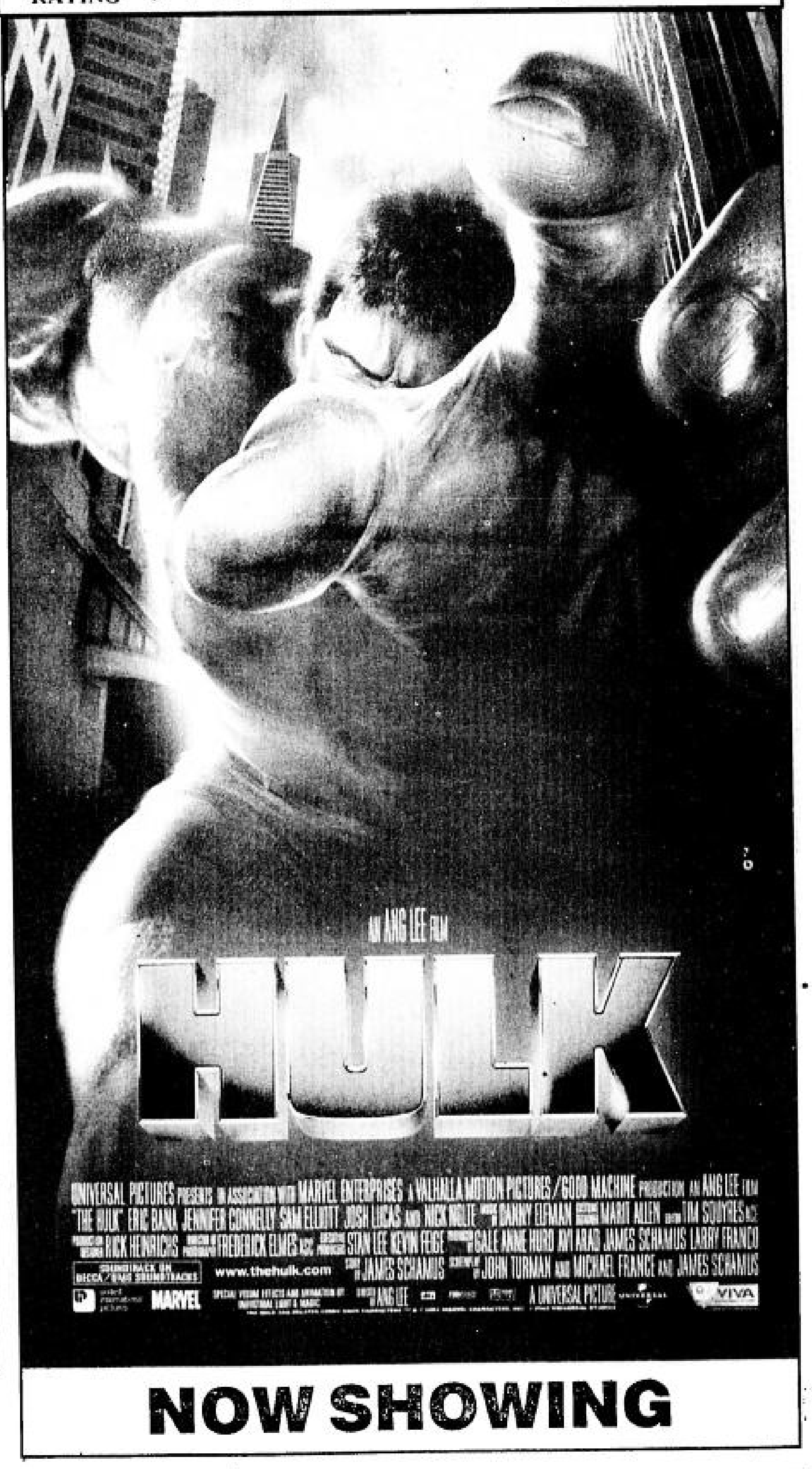
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Juan proves Filipinos are not lazy; but need to drink milk

Text and photos by Mei Magsino
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LIPA CITY—For Juan Katigbak, known in this city as Johnny Katigbak--the way to erase the "Juan Tamad" (lazy Juan) mockery among Filipinos is believing in one's ability to succeed and giving one's best shot in business, while drinking a lot of nutritious fresh milk.

Katigbak is the president of Batangas Agri-Business Center Inc., the milk company that produces the biggest quantity of fresh milk in the country known as Milk-joy.

The Philippines imports 99 percent of its liquid milk consumption and one percent is sourced locally. Of the one percent, Katigbak's firm supplies about 35 percent.

Milk-joy's fresh milk is now the most sought-after milk in most five-star hotels, restaurants and coffee shops in Manila.

"*Ang Juan na ito ay Juang masipag* (This Juan is an industrious Juan). The success of this business came from a combination of hard work, perseverance and persistence while drinking milk everyday," Katigbak says.

For him, the company's persistence in raising dairy cows, a business that was laughed at by Americans, paid off.

"I think it was also the stubborn attitude of the people in this business who never listened to the Americans' advice not to raise dairy cows in the country. Some American businessmen in the dairy business even discouraged us to raise dairy cows because they said it would just fail as cows are not suited in this country," he adds.

GETTING a fill of fresh milk, Johnny Katigbak believes that the dairy business has a future in the Philippines.

What Katigbak did was the exact opposite.

"I raised the dairy cows and started producing fresh milk. That's something the international milk producers cannot compete with. Before their milk reaches the Philippines it could either be stale or sterilized," Katigbak says.

"When milk is sterilized, all the important nutrients are gone," he adds.

Milk deficient

The Katigbak family's cow business started in 1975.

According to Katigbak, the milking business followed later.

"It was my father, a cardiologist, who started the business. He was into preventive medicine and he singled out milk for its nutritive value," he says.

Then, there was no market for fresh milk because the Filipino people didn't believe in the goodness of fresh milk.

The rate of milk consumption among Filipinos that time was very depressing as their study proved that Pinoys consumed only three drops of milk a year which was very, very deficient because milk is nature's most perfected food.

"It was just a small business then because we used our kitchen as the mini-processing and bottling area," Katigbak says.

Despite the depressing figures, he persevered and held on to the belief that the business would grow.

Lactose intolerance

One of the biggest problems of the Filipinos in drinking milk is the high incidence of lactose intolerance.

Lactose is the sugar found in milk and other milk products. When digested by a specific enzyme, lactose is split into simpler sugars, which the body can digest.

Lactose intolerance occurs when there is an inadequate supply of the enzyme required to digest the milk sugar.

Symptoms of lactose intolerance include abdominal pain, bloating or diarrhea and gastrointestinal discomfort.

The incidence of lactose intolerance is an inherent characteristic, which correlates closely with ethnic background.

Lactose intolerance is extremely higher among the Australian aborigines, American Indians, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Asians, Arabs, Greeks and Italians from Southern Italy.

In the affected groups, the enzyme required for the digestion of lactose is lower than normal during childhood, resulting in very low levels in older children and adults.

"The solution for lactose intolerance? Eat fermented cheese. That way, you get the same amount of nutrients without getting a rumbling stomach," Katigbak says.

Milk-joy

In the early '90s, 15 dairy farm producers from this city who were beneficiaries of the Philippine Dairy Corporation under the Department of Agriculture organized the Batangas Dairy Multi-Purpose Cooperative Inc. (Badaco).

Badaco was organized to productively develop a viable local dairy industry from milk production and marketing of its dairy products.

Due to marketing constraints and the continued quest of the dairy farmers to find the best price for their milk , six enterprising cooperative members, including Katigbak, invested their time and money to organize the Batangas Agri-Business Center Inc. (Baci) in 1991.

In 1992, Baci was in business when the board of directors and the Badaco availed of a loan from the Technology and Livelihood Resource Center to build a dairy plant in Barangay Bolbok, the heart of the city proper.

"Milk-joy started out of the need of the Batangas Dairy Cooperative. The name Milk-joy was actually chosen in a hurry. Later, the name fitted the product and became an eye catcher as it connotes the joys from drinking fresh of milk. Somehow, it takes you closer to home," Katigbak says.

Strength from freshness

Initially, the government wanted the market of dairy farmers to provide milk in its milk-feeding programs in schools, or dole-outs.

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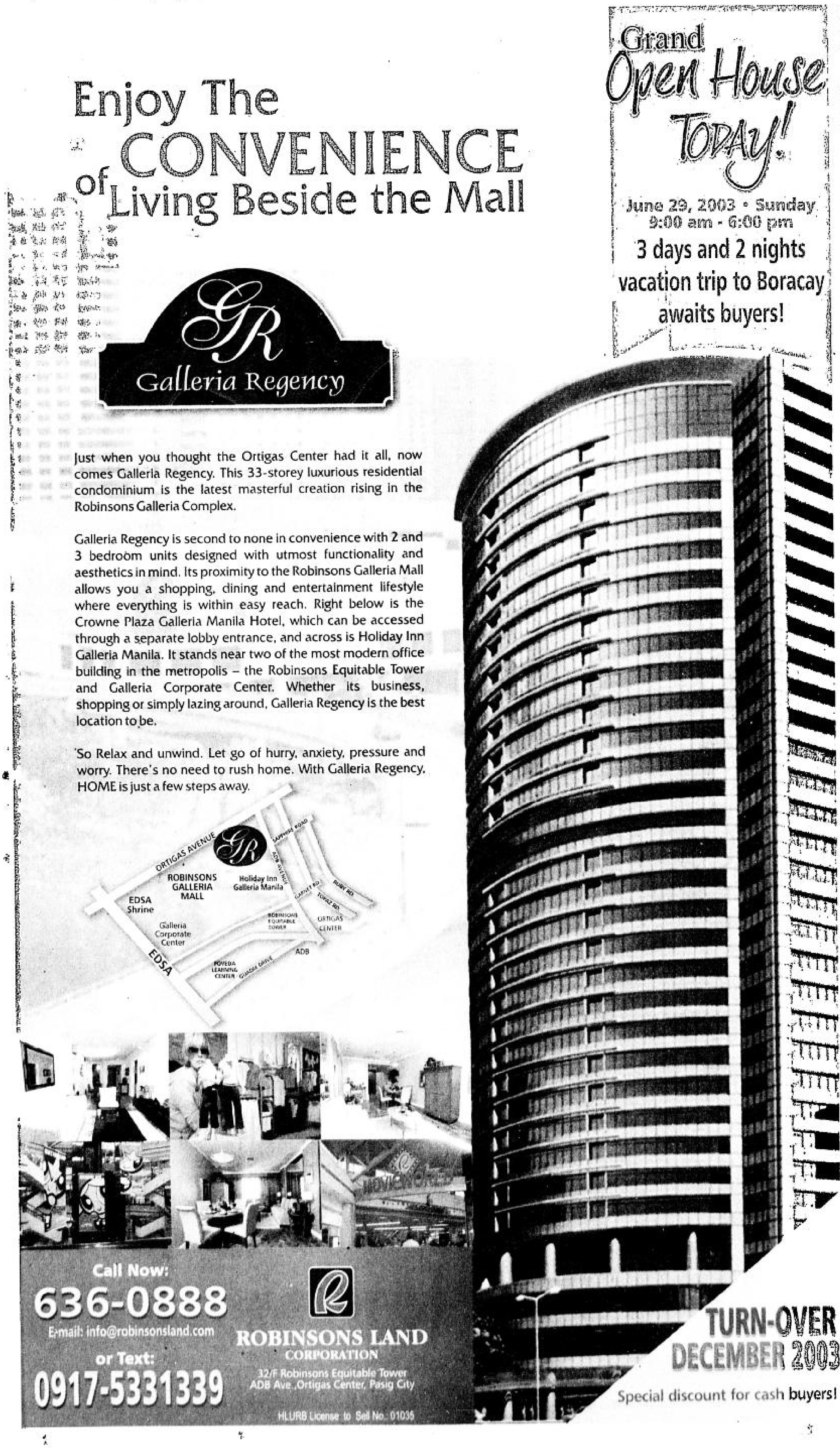

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Censors order GMA 7 sitcom to reformat

MTRCB: 'Eat Bulaga' hasn't complied with order

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE MOVIE and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), which earlier said it would be closely watching local TV shows for vulgarity, has ordered two GMA 7 programs to stop using double-meaning jokes to avoid being suspended.

MTRCB Chair Consoliza Laguardia also ordered the producers of the new live comedy show "Nuts Entertainment" to reformat the program which she said has "*double entendres*" and "dehumanizing scenes."

Laguardia also ordered the producers of the noontime variety show "Eat Bulaga" to submit taped episodes of the show daily for the body's review.

Laguardia said she issued the instructions after the censors board was swarmed with complaints from viewers about some of the hosts of "Eat Bulaga" who crack double-meaning jokes.

Laguardia said she sent a letter to "Nuts Entertainment" program manager Jose Mari Abacan last week asking him to reformat the sitcom "so as to make it pass the 'PG' classification and become truly entertaining."

"This is because the program appears to degrade and dehumanize its talents," Laguardia told Inquirer Entertainment last Thursday.

She said she was giving Abacan one week to explain in writing why the show must not be reformatted.

Laguardia said that unlike "Nuts Entertainment," the producers of "Klasmeyts," its rival show on ABS-CBN, took it upon themselves to reformat their show.

"They ('Klasmeyts') must have noted that every time they submitted their TOAs (tape-on-air) for review, the taped episodes were always disapproved on first viewing," she explained. "The tapes were approved for airing only after the show tamed some of its naughty jokes."

Now, Laguardia said, most of the episodes of "Klasmeyts" hardly have sex jokes anymore.

The MTRCB chief also asked "Eat Bulaga" producers to submit on a daily basis taped episodes of the program for the next 30 days starting June 23.

Failure on the part of the "Eat Bulaga" producer, Television and Production Exponents (Tape) Inc., to comply with the order could mean suspension of some of the show's hosts or of the show itself.

Laguardia said Tape Inc.'s Antonio Tuviera has not complied with MTRCB's order up to now. "He said he was still thinking about it,"

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Marvin Agustin has more than 300 titles in his DVD collection. His favorites are **Ridley's Scott**'s "Gladiator," Baz Luhrmann's "Moulin Rouge," Francis Ford Coppola's "Godfather" saga, Marilou Diaz-Abaya's "Rizal." The MP3 on his computer has the music of **Craig David**, Cold Play, **Robbie Williams** and **Keith Martin**'s "Because of You," his current favorite song. Marvin has read **Paolo Coelho**'s "The Alchemist" twice.

MOTHER MELANIE and new baby Abraham

Melanie finds a home, and a new love

By Ansel Beluso
Contributor

MELANIE Marquez may have been Miss International but she's not Wonder Woman—or is she?

We thought she was Wonder Woman when we visited her in her Makati condo just a week after she gave birth to her sixth child, an 8.3-pound boy she has named Abraham.

Melanie was already up and about, even carrying the big and heavy gift for our son—her godchild—quite effortlessly. To think that she just had a precarious delivery by caesarean section.

"I had to give birth to my fifth child, Adam, by caesarean section because he was a breach baby and weighed 9.12 pounds at birth," Melanie explained. "My doctor said it was dangerous for me to have another child soon after because I should wait at least three years to allow my wound inside to completely heal first before I could get pregnant again. She warned me that getting pregnant too soon could break my uterus and open up my stomach."

Miscalculated

"But then, I got pregnant with Abraham when Adam wasn't even a year old yet. And I even traveled to the US when I was already heavy with child. To top it all off, I erred in calculating the maturity of my pregnancy. I thought it was only eight months when it was already nine months."

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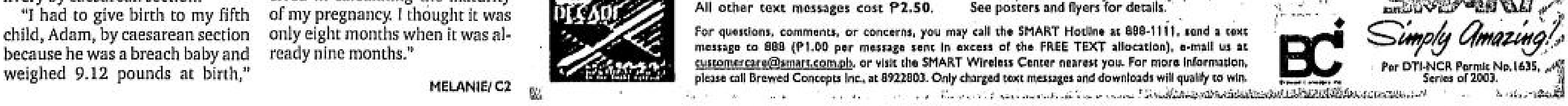
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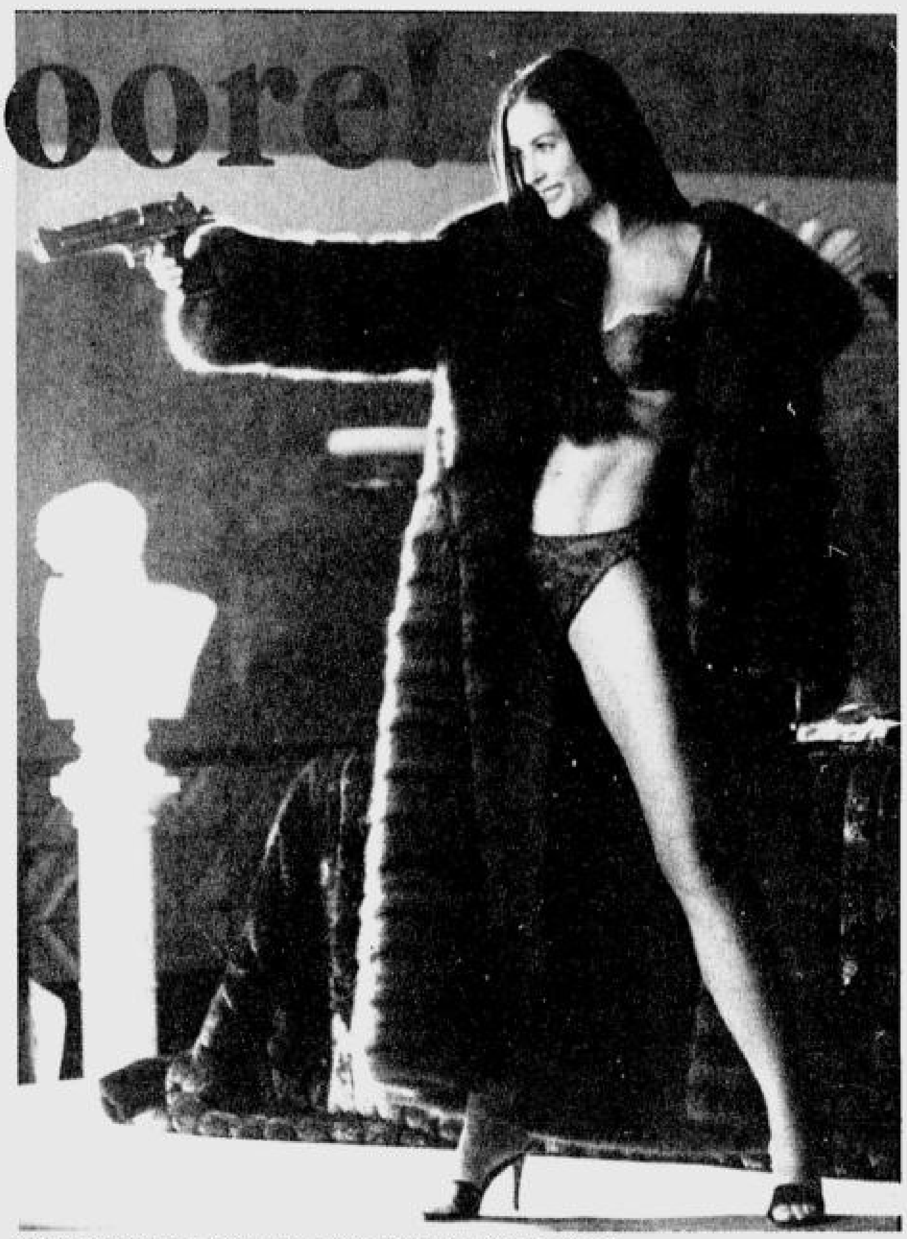

MORE OF MOORE. Miranda Lee (Moore) is the epitome of cool.

BABE POWER. Liu, Diaz and Barrymore are back.

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.
Contributor

REVIEW

HOW OLD exactly is Demi Moore?

I couldn't help ask myself the question as I watched "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle." Not because of that young boyfriend of hers, Ashton Kutcher, whom she paraded during the film's Hollywood premiere, but because, darn it, she looks a lot younger and sexier than any of Charlie's current angels, Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu.

Sporting the same incredible physique she had in "G.I. Jane" and with that soft, beautiful face that has hardly changed since the "About Last Night" in the '80s, Moore is perhaps the best reason to see "Throttle."

My admiration for the woman is perhaps a dead giveaway to how old I am. From high school to college, Moore was the Hollywood brat pack member (the brat pack included, among others, Rob Lowe, Emilio Estevez, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald, Ally Sheedy, Andrew McCarthy) whose posters adorned most of my schoolmates' walls. Preppie and yuppie guys wanted to date her, and their dates wanted to be like her (Remember when it seemed like almost every woman wanted to cut her hair short after "Ghost"?).

She was the quintessential female romantic lead, and even when she ventured into "heavier" stuff (e.g. "Striptease", "The Scarlet Letter"), we couldn't take our eyes away.

Seeing her back on the big screen after a respite of six long years is indeed a pleasure for moviegoers like me. It's one of those rare moments of recognition when we can say, yes, that's exactly right. This is the way things should be. It doesn't matter if she deserved her own vehicle for a comeback, and not where she plays a baddie. "Throttle" will do.

No serious questions

Moore is Madison Lee, one of Charlie's former angels, and, for Natalie, Dylan and Alex (played by Diaz, Barrymore and Liu, respectively), the epitome of cool. But Madison has crossed over to the dark side. She says she's sick of taking orders from a speakerphone (frankly, I can't blame her). She masterminds a heist for a couple of rings that together can unlock all the names in the US government's Witness Protection Program.

Rings, huh? Yes, but never mind. Bernie Mac also plays the new Bosley who took over from his brother, played by Bill Murray in the last film. Notice any resemblance between the two?

The thing is, you can't entertain "serious" questions like these when you're watching "Throttle." Just like its predecessor, only one question is important: Does the film entertain for the entire running length?

For most of the audience in last Tuesday's premiere, the answer is yes. One might not remember much of the film after watching it, but while you're watching it, there's just too much candy for the eye and ear to resist. There are plenty of bangs, flashes and chase sequences–with the motorcross action being the best.

And then of course, you have the lethal ladies to-die-for, in skimpy outfits in a lot of sequences.

Shaker of salt

The film's soundtrack is a trip down memory lane. The driving score includes a bouncy array of R&B, rock, pop and disco from past to present. I saw lots of heads bobbing to the tunes and there were a couple of times when I felt like dancing in the theater's aisles myself, such as when the Angels strutted to MC Hammer's "U Can't Touch This" (anybody who hates that song is a hopeless curmudgeon).

On a side note, dancing along the aisles was physically impossible as they were full of people who had no seats. The organizers of the premiere obviously invited more guests than the theater (SM Megamall's Cinema One) could accommodate.

Everything in the movie should be taken with more than just a grain of salt. Take the whole shaker, please, and indulge. After the first Charlie's Angels remake, it's somehow easier to suspend disbelief to an extraordinary level while watching the major babe trinity execute superhuman tricks. Take that jaw-dropping opening sequence with the helicopter, for instance, the one they show in the movie's trailer.

> Moore has the same incredible physique and the same beautiful face from the '80s

The fact is, when it comes to action movies nowadays, it seems the last thing anyone wants is believability. Sadly, most moviegoers are there to see the formula applied in the most ostentatious fashion possible. The louder and more over-the-top, the better. It doesn't matter much what we're supposed to accept.

Happy audience

Character development has never been a strong suit among the current crop of action movies, but there's actually some evidence of it in "Angel"–emphasis on some. Like in the previous movie, it retraces the histories of Natalie, Alex and Dylan. Alex's father makes an appearance in the form of John Cleese (the new Q of the James Bond series), and Dylan has to confront a mysterious past that has come back to haunt her and threatens the lives of the Angels altogether.

In injecting a little bit more substance to the plot, the filmmakers probably wanted to have their cake and eat it, too. But the premises are not that glued together.

Not that it matters to the audience, most of whom belong to the video game crowd. They seemed too in favor of maximum action with minimal clarity. So they were happy.

I was happy, too, but like I said, for a different reason. Moore's comeback fills a vacuum of sorts in my long-time love affair with movies. And even in a movie like "Throttle" that's all pyrotechnics and pace, she looks endearingly impressive.

Melanie finds a home ...

From page C1

Melanie's obstetrician-gynecologist was naturally troubled. She advised Melanie to monitor the color of the scar from her first caesarean incision and, if it turned very red, she should go to the hospital pronto—or else, her baby would burst out from her tummy. "*Magiging para siyang anak ni* Janice," Melanie laughed, alluding to Janice de Belen's vampire infant in a horror flick.

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But Melanie the Wonder Woman triumphantly gave birth to Abraham at the National Children's Medical Center last May 23. A day later, she was a live guest on Korina Sanchez's and Kris Aquino's "Morning Girls," personally informing everyone about her new bundle of joy, a special blessing from God who has always loved her.

Twists and turns

Indeed, Melanie is richly blessed. The peace and joy that now reside in her heart give her face a radiant glow that makes her already beautiful face even more beautiful. But Melanie herself is first to admit that this wasn't so before. Hers is a life that has been checkered with a lot of trials and challenges that would have surely defeated her were she made of lesser stuff.

Indeed, Melanie had been to hell more times than what were probably enough for one lifetime. Before Adam, she already had four children from three husbands—Manuelito, 21, from action star and Pampanga Governor Lito Lapid; Mazen, 13, from an Arabian businessman; and Maxene Xuxa, 11, and Michelle Zarah, 8, from actor Derek Dee.

The twists and turns in her colorful life could shame those of a telenovela with the most convoluted script.

According to Melanie, "The most difficult part was three years ago when everything seemed to conspire against me. My ex-husband wanted me in jail. I stood to lose custody over my two daughters. I had to run away with them and we entered the US through the Mexican border because one of them didn't have valid papers.

Sent by God

"My eldest son Manuelito rebelled against me. I gave birth to a stillborn son and that really broke my heart. I had to flee to another country to lick my wounds and reassess my life."

It was at that point in her life that Melanie found God. And she found her husband Adam Lawyer, too.

THE LAWYER family: Melanie, Adam Lawyer and baby Abraham

Adam is a Mormon preacher—more accurately, a priesthood holder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He owns a seven-room mansion in a hundred-thousand-acre ranch in Utah, where Melanie was nourished back to life and to love.

"After my third husband, I knelt down and prayed for God to give me a righteous man for a husband" Melanie revealed. "Three weeks after, I met Adam. I truly believe he was sent by God to me not only to love me but to help put order into my life."

Indeed, order has been restored in Melanie's life. She and her ex-husband have arrived at some mutually agreeable arrangement especially concerning their two daughters. The cases against her are being settled out of court. She now has two sons by Adam to more than compensate for the one they lost. And Manuelito has since reconciled with her.

Resting body and soul

"It's been a year since he left," Melanie said, referring to Manuelito. "I was in Utah then when I received a call from him. He was in Chicago. He wanted to come to visit. I told him it was better if he packed his things and came home to me.

"That's what he did. He went to Utah to stay with me. We had a tearful reunion. We were both broken and bitter about what had happened, but we had a long talk about everything. Before we were through, we were forgiving each other for the things we've done that caused a lot of pain both ways."

Melanie happily related to us that Manuelito is now an automotive design student in a community college in Las Vegas and works as a cashier in a souvenir shop there. He rents his own pad. His dad helps him out with his tuition and other educational fees and his mom gave him the down-payment for a car. The 6-foot-9, drop-dead gorgeous kid is well on his way to finding his own place in the sun.

Meanwhile, Melanie is happy with her family. "It's only now that I've learned what a family really means, what a husband ought to be. I come from a broken home. And I've made a mess of my own home.

"It's only now that I realized that a home is a place where the whole family goes home to at the end of the day, where one can rest his tired body and soul, where one can be whatever he is and still find love. Before, my dad hardly went home to us. Each of my three previous husbands also hardly went home to me. It's only now, with Adam, that I'm beginning to feel I'm really home."

Boob-tube booboos

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

HOST: Who is the person you admire most?

Guest : (Name of most-admired person.)

Host : Oh, really? Why did you choose her?

Guest : Because I think she's the most awesome I've ever met as far as a mayor!

(Far out!)

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Host : Was your town's festival a success?

Guest : Oh, yes! There were so many people attended from all walks of culture!

(All walks of _____ what?)

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Host : After not acting in movies for so many years, (name of actress) is making a comeback in your movie. How did you get her to say yes after she said no to so many people in the past?

Guest : I think, because *nag-novena ako*, for nine days!

(*Kaya nga tinatawag na novena, 'no?*)

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Host : What do you admire most about your daddy? Come on, it's Father's Day.

Guest : *Bilib ako sa* humor *niya.*

Host : *Ang tipid naman.* Anything else you admire about your dad?

Guest : He's witty.

(*'Di ba, ganoon din yon?*)

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Host : We should be more appreciative of our own talents, like our outstanding cartoonist here.

Co-host : Oh, I agree. We have outstanding cartoonist like Jose Rizal, Nonoy Marcelo and Mars Arevalo!

(Mars who?)

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Host : Another award coming up in our bikini contest!

Co-host : Right! This award now is for the entirety of the contestant's body!

(And the winner of the entirety award is?)

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Host : What do you have to say about your father?

Guest : He's unique!

Host : What makes you say that? Unique in what way?

Guest : Ok, let me try to discide his uniqueness.

(On second thought, don't bother!)

Magazine writing seminar

CORBAN Learning Center will hold a seminar on magazine writing and editing on July 5 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The seminar, which will be conducted by veteran writer, editor and educator **Mona Gonzales**, offers tips on how to get published. It includes modules on how to pitch a story to an editor, how to interview, and how to write and edit a feature article.

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'28 Days Later'

YES! FM 101.1, Ang Sagot ng Bayan, premieres "28 Days Later" at 7:30 p.m. on June 30 at SM Megamall's Cinema 1.

The film is about a virus accidentally unleashed in a primate research facility that can turn those infected into killers. The virus quickly spreads and turns the city of London into a ghost town.

Showcase with witty kids

BILL Cosby's fun show, "Kids Say the Darndest Things," can now be viewed on Star World at 6 p.m., Sundays. We enjoyed last Sunday's edition, which featured a particularly precocious group of children who were so funny that they upstaged Cosby in a number of instances. But the veteran TV host didn't mind it at all, and delightedly gave his young guests the showcase they deserved.

The show was also made special by Cosby's feature on letters that children have written to Santa Claus. Some particular examples:

"Dear Santa, last X'mas, I asked you for a baby brother. I was so happy when you granted my wish. But he's grown up to be a brat. So, this X'mas, I want you to take him back!"

"Dear Santa Claus, last Christmas, I asked you for a nice robot toy. This Christmas, I would like you to give me the batteries."

"Dear Mr. Claus, I don't need new toys. I just want my own credit card!"

"Dear Santa, this X'mas, I want you to leave a big present for my grandma. She says she knew you when you were a kid."

"Dear Santa, this X'mas, please give me a baseball bat that can hit home runs. The bat I got last year strikes out too much!"

"Dear Santa Claus, this Christmas, give toys to all the poor boys and girls in the world. You can give me what's left."

"Dear Santa, people say they love you more than the president. I hope so, because you make more people happy than he does!"

43rd Anniversary

RPN-9 celebrates its 43rd anniversary at 2 p.m. today, June 29, with a thanksgiving mass at Broadcast City, followed by a fellowship with employees and their families.

RPN will also launch its new station ID jingle to boost its "Rated Prime Nights" campaign promoting its formidable line-up of programs, including "Ally McBeal," "The Practice," "Rockwell," "Dharma & Greg" and "Malcolm in the Middle."

On July 2, the RPN family and its clients will be treated to a powerhouse concert at The Tent @ The Fort, starring **Nora Aunor, Jolina Magdangal** and **Dingdong Dantes**, among many others. The anniversary concert will be telecast on RPN-9 on July 13.

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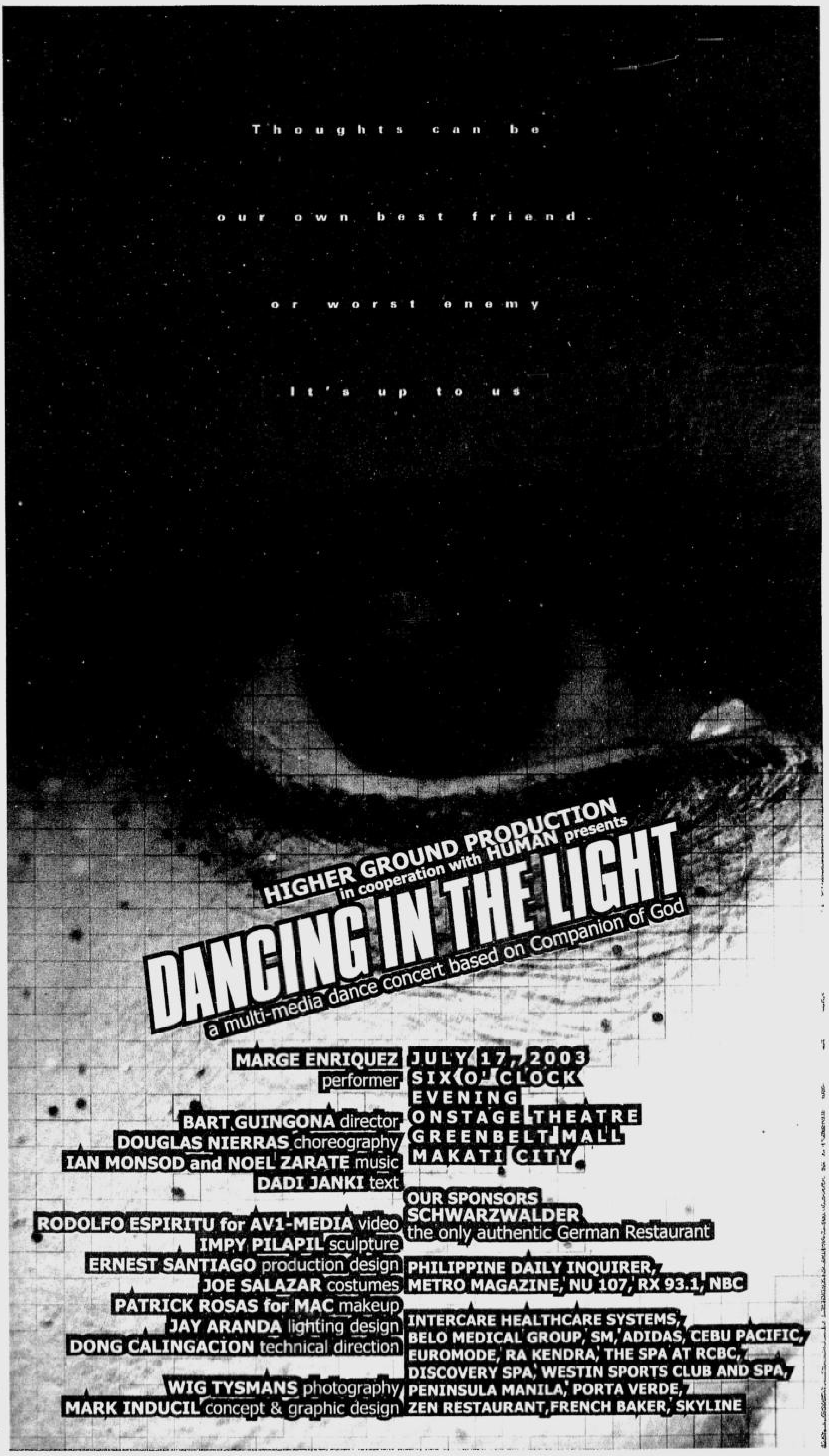

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Canada student wins RP pageant

By Remy M. Umerez
Contributor

FARAON

CANADA-BASED Shacel Faraon was proclaimed the Maharlika Pilipino 2003 during a long show held recently at the Star City Theater along Roxas Boulevard in Pasay City.

Shacel, 18, also bagged the special awards for Maharlika Filipino ng Gabi, photogenic, personality, Strider's Shoes and Faces of the Night.

The nursing student of George Brown College in Toronto, who turned 18 only last May 22, is the eldest son of Hector and Sally (Taningco) of Calauan, Laguna. His father is a nautical engineer, and his mother is a nurse in Toronto. When Faraon was 3, the family lived in Saudi Arabia. After eight years, they moved to Toronto, and have been residing there ever since.

Shacel has another brother named Sharel and a sister, Shareca.

Last April, Shacel won the title Maharlika Filipino Canada in the Bodyshots contest. A free trip to the Philippines to represent the Bodyshots tilt in the Maharlika pageant were among his prizes.

What prompted him to join the male "beauty contest"?

"My friend (who won Bodyshots last year) encouraged me to join and since it was vacation time, I tried it for the experience," he said. "It seemed fun. The event was like a big family affair because parents were supporting their sons' candidacy."

What does he think of male pageants?

"I think it is like going to school where you discover a lot of things about a person."

Shacel speaks fluent Filipino because they use it at home in Canada.

Contests of this nature are associated with gays and spark all sorts of rumors. How do you feel about that?

"It doesn't bother me a bit."

The majority of the male contestants dream of becoming movie stars. Shacel wouldn't mind joining the movies, and in the presence of Joey Gasengfiao, Regal Films supervising producer, he admitted his interest in going into show biz.

We told him bold is what sells in local cinema.

"I don't know if I am prepared for that.

"I will have to consult my parents," he added. "*Kung* agreeable *sila ay wala sigurong magiging problema.* But I would like to start on television first."

Shacel was provided hotel accommodations while in Manila, but he preferred to stay with his aunt in Laguna.

"I came here also to renew my ties with my relatives and I intend to visit all of them."

The 5-foot-9 Shacel maintains his physique with regular workouts and by not eating rice. Among his favorite celebrities are Kristine Hermosa, Roselle Nava for her singing voice and the Sexbomb Dancers.

He said he also liked Ruffa Gutierrez a lot—until she got married.

GMA 7'S VISION

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Aside from its commitment to bring credible news and superior quality entertainment to its viewers, there is public service in real time at GMA Network Inc.

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"Our message is that we are one with the Filipino family, in good times, and in bad times," said GMA Kapuso Foundation executive vice president and chief operating officer Carmela "Mel" Tiangco.

TIANGCO "in good times, and in bad"

Giving hope

The foundation's mission is to give hope to the Filipino family, primarily by safeguarding human rights, upgrading the standards of education and reducing the effects of poverty. From Operation Helping Hand, which provided donations to victims of the July 1990 earthquake, the Pinatubo eruption in 1991 and the Ormoc floods that same year, the foundation has widened its reach. Its beneficiaries now include orphans and street children, prison inmates and their families, public school libraries, famine victims and the homeless poor.

The foundation's work is complemented by corporate representation in about a dozen nongovernment organizations and advocacy groups ranging from making the arts more accessible to the masses to the rehabilitation of the Pasig River.

The success of GMA Kapuso Foundation and its other projects may be due to the sincere commitment of its volunteers.

"We always promote the spirit of volunteerism among our employees," Tiangco said of the station's various public service projects.

"Everybody in GMA 7 is eager to help. While our reporters are in the field covering an ongoing fire, they also volunteer to the foundation what they can do for the fire victims in terms of food, clothes and medicine."

Among its various projects are Give a Gift: Alay sa Batang Pinoy, a yearly Christmas project that brings cheers to orphans, street children and other underprivileged youth through simple gifts; and Bisig Bayan, a medical assistance program for indigent Filipinos confined in government hospitals.

Culture of philanthropy

Recently, the foundation successfully organized the Fun Run, a fund raising project for the benefit of the foundation's Unang Hakbang sa Kinabukasan. An estimated 1,500 participants attended the event at the Quirino Grandstand.

For the next few months, GMA Foundation has lined up several projects which include the Kalusugan Karavan, free medical-dental outreach to several towns from June 24 to 27; Dugtong Buhay, a whole day of bloodletting with partners Ever Gotesco Malls and Philippine National Red Cross in August; and Feed A Child, 120 days of sustained feeding of severely malnourished children in Metro Manila and Mindanao from July to October.

Key to its *kapuso* campaign, GMA 7 has created a culture of philanthropy and social commitment among its employees and the community.

"Extending an open hand and heart are really the essence of a kapuso," Tiangco said.

More than a source of information and entertainment, GMA 7 fulfills its corporate purpose of enriching the lives of Filipinos everywhere.

SHOW TIME

Duncan Sheik to perform in Manila

DUNCAN Sheik, the man behind the hits "Barely Breathing," "Wishful Thinking," "On A High" and "Half Life," is coming to Manila for a two-night acoustic concert on July 18 and 19 at the Aliw Theater at the CCP Complex.

Eventscape Manila & Select Media with Warner Music Philippines are bringing the acclaimed hit-maker for the shows.

Joining Sheik are local acoustic star Paolo Santos and Rockwell of the chart-topping band Stephen Speaks.

Sheik first came to prominence in 1996 with his huge hit, "Barely Breathing," from his self-titled debut album.

His latest album, "Daylight," has produced hits such as "On A High" and current favorite "Half Life."

"Daylight" is available on CDs and cassettes from Warner Music Philippines.

Tickets to the July 18-19 shows are available at all Ticketworld outlets.

For more information, contact Eventscape Manila at 561-7606 and Select Media at 813-2617.

The official concert stations are 89.9 TM, 103.5 K-Lite, Wave 89.1 &99.5 RT

SHEIK of acoustic music will be here for two nights.

Aiko: I don't have a foreigner boyfriend and Herbert's not courting me

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

ONLY a week after the annulment of her marriage to **Jomari Yllana** was made official, the buzz is growing loud that **Aiko Melendez** now has a foreigner boyfriend, the same one who was with her in Boracay.

But Aiko denied the rumor and said she just met the guy in Boracay during her Holy Week vacation.

"I don't really know him," Aiko explained. "He only came up to me and introduced himself. I didn't want to be a snob, so I talked to him. I was surprised that people are now saying I have a foreigner boyfriend."

Aiko also brushes aside talk that Quezon City Vice Mayor **Herbert Bautista** is courting her.

"That's a non-issue," she said.

The annulment came more than a year and a half after the petition was filed in court.

"Although Jomari and I have been separated for quite a while now, *iba rin yung may* decision *na ang* courts, *'di ba?*" she said. "It has finality, and it will mean a new life for me. I'm single again."

Aiko has been ably juggling her time between politics (as a councilor in Quezon City's second district) and show biz, and being a single mom to her only son Andre, now five years old.

She refuses to confirm that she will run for a higher public office in the 2004 elections.

"If I know I wouldn't be able to give my all in that new position, then I will pass it up," she said.

Since she assumed her councilor's office in 2001, Aiko has had a good and clean track record.

As far as her show biz career is concerned, Aiko vows to go full throttle especially now that she has considerably lost weight. She has accepted the offer of Viva Films for her to do a movie with **Aga Muhlach** who, as most everyone knows, was once her boyfriend.

The film will also star **Judy Ann Santos**. Shooting will start as soon as the schedules of the three stars coincide. Aga is still wrapping up "Kung Ako na Lang Sana" with **Sharon Cuneta**.

Aiko will also star in a new soap opera on ABS CBN.

"I'm excited to do all these again because it's been a long time since I had a regular TV series and a new movie," Aiko said.

She may be alone, but Aiko swears she's not lonely.

"I have my son, my family and my friends and they're enough to make me happy and fulfilled," she claimed. "In my work, I can't ask for anything more. God has blessed me tremendously."

Interactive TV games

HERS is the face that can launch a thousand text messages.

Followers of the revolutionary interactive TV game show, "Game Channel," know that refers to game jockey (GJ) **Iya**.

The amiable and gregarious Iya used to hang out with different circles of friends while she was growing up in Australia.

"I had a group for sports, a group for partying and a group for more serious matters," said Iya.

While she is the type who would still go roller-blading, Iya professes to be a good student in school. At seven, she discovered her vocal talent, which she took after her "My Way"-singing dad. In no time, Iya was singing pop lounge songs before different audiences around Australia.

"It was fun because I got to meet a lot of artists," she said. "More importantly, singing gave me the confidence and belief that I could make things happen for myself."

When her family returned to Manila, Iya auditioned to be the game jockey for "Game Channel," produced by Wireless Services Asia (WSA). She turned out to be the perfect choice for the program.

"I think I was just lucky," Iya said.

But "Game Channel" producers think otherwise.

"Iya has the personality and attitude that typify the kind of image we want 'Game Channel' to have," said **Ardie Balderrama**, marketing director of WSA. "She gives the show a distinct youthful and vibrant feel. Proof of the great job she's been doing is the response of gamers and chatters themselves. It's safe to say Iya has captured a lot of people, both young and not-so-young. She has definitely made an impact."

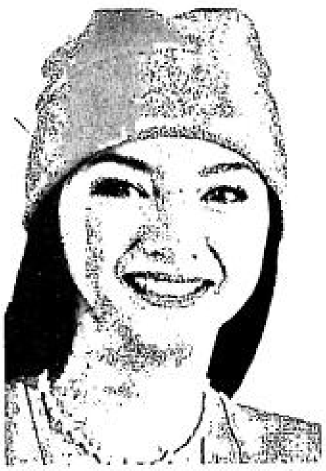
WSA is also making waves as an icon and ring tone supplier, ushering in a new era in the "mobile entertainment" industry. Much of the success is attributable to the company's thorough preparation and groundwork laying.

"The fact that it's interactive and people can play wherever there's a TV is what makes 'Game Channel' so fun," said Iya.

"Being a GJ is really cool because I make friends and get to do whatever I want," she added.

"Game Channel" features games like "Trivia Text," "Cross Text," "Search Text," "Bumper Cars," "Katapult" and "Alien Wars." Using multi-media messaging service (MMS), polyphonic tones, and a mobile phone's SMS's feature, WSA allows users to pit wits or simply chat.

"Game Channel" airs on IBC 13 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m.



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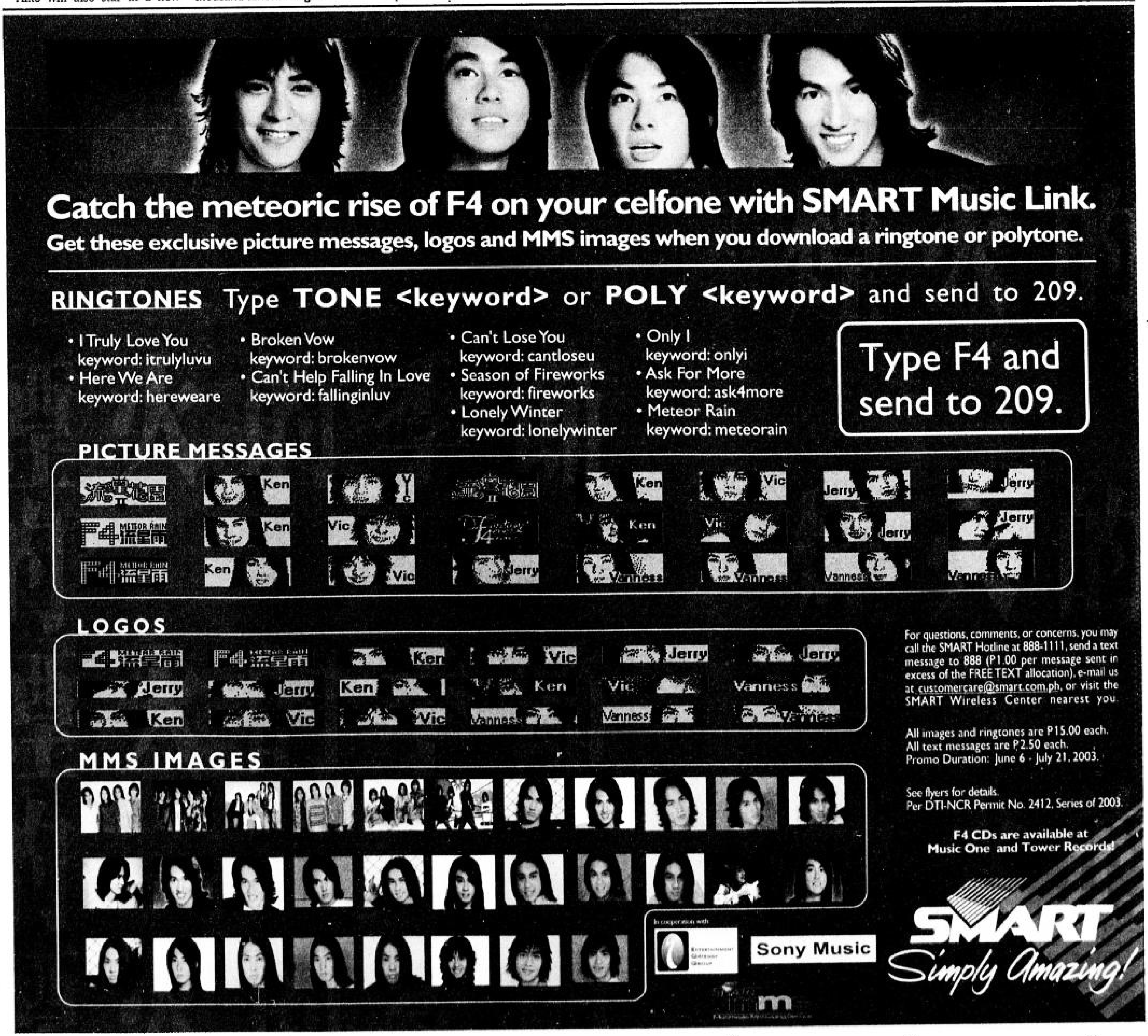

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THE PRESENCE of many movie stars made more dazzling the the recent opening of the Manila Film Festival 2003 at SM City Manila, which premiered all six entries in the mall's cineplex. Mayor Lito Atienza also graced the opening ceremonies and was later joined by Caloocan Mayor Rey Malonzo and actor and Video Regulatory Board Chair Bong Revilla in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The celebrities included the stars of Premiere Production's "Operation Balikatan" led by Malonzo, Eddie Garcia, Monsour del Rosano, and Roi Vinzons.

There was also a lot of red carpet action with the cast of RP Brothers Productions "Alab ng Lahi" led by Robin Padilla, Hong Kong action star Jackie Woo and Anne Curtis.

Wowing the crowds were the sultry stars of Jagg Entertainment's "Ang Huling Birhen sa Lupa" Ara Mina and Maui Taylor, as well as MAQ Production's "Sanib" stars Aubrey Miles, Carlo Muñoz, and Ramon Bagatsing.

Adding star power were Christopher de Leon, Regine Velasquez and Dingdong Dantes of Viva Films' "Pangarap Ko ang Ibigin Ka," as well as Revilla and Regine Tolentino of "Bertud ng Putik."

Censors order GMA 7 to reform

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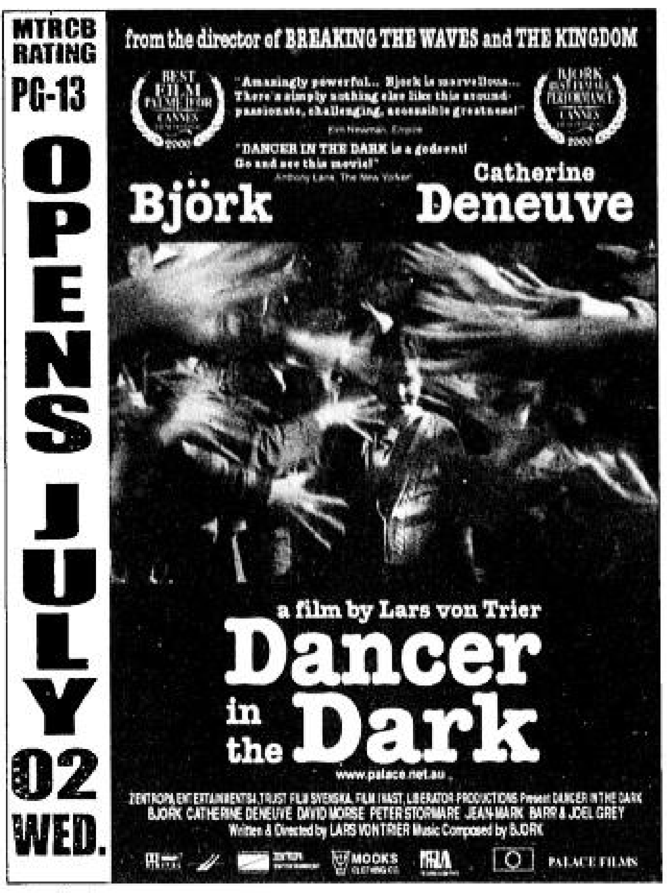
she added.

"Tape Inc. must know that the MTRCB has the power to suspend any of its hosts once they are proven to have violated MTRCB rules and regulations," Laguardia pointed out.

Laguardia's order was the second for "Eat Bulaga." Last May, she also required the show to submit taped episodes for review, according to executive producer Malu Choa-Fagar.

ABS-CBN management had suspended Willie Revillame and John Estrada, two of the hosts of "Masayang Tanghali Bayan," from June 16 to 26 for conduct unbecoming and the use of inappropriate language on television.

The suspension, according to ABS-CBN, was prompted by complaints the network had received from televiewers and the MTRCB.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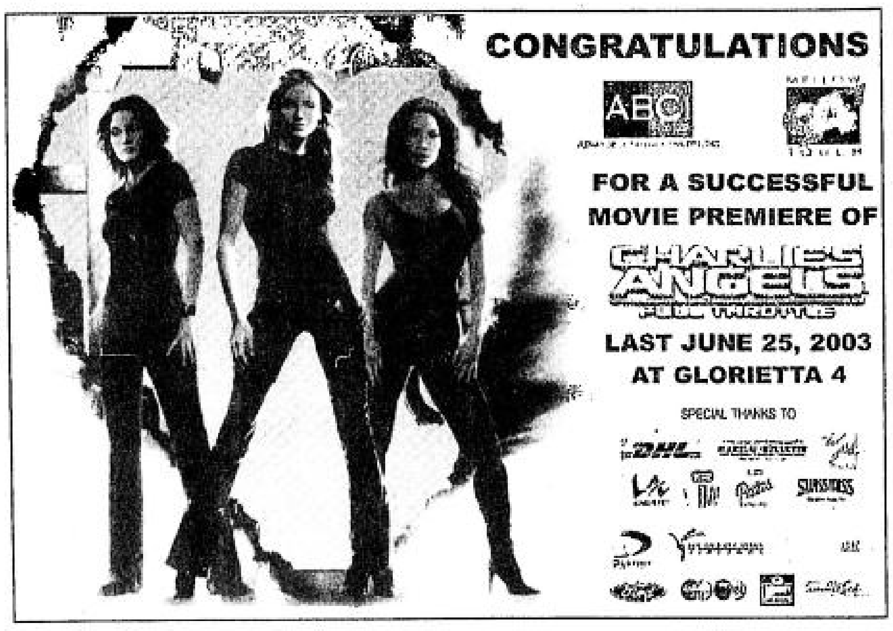
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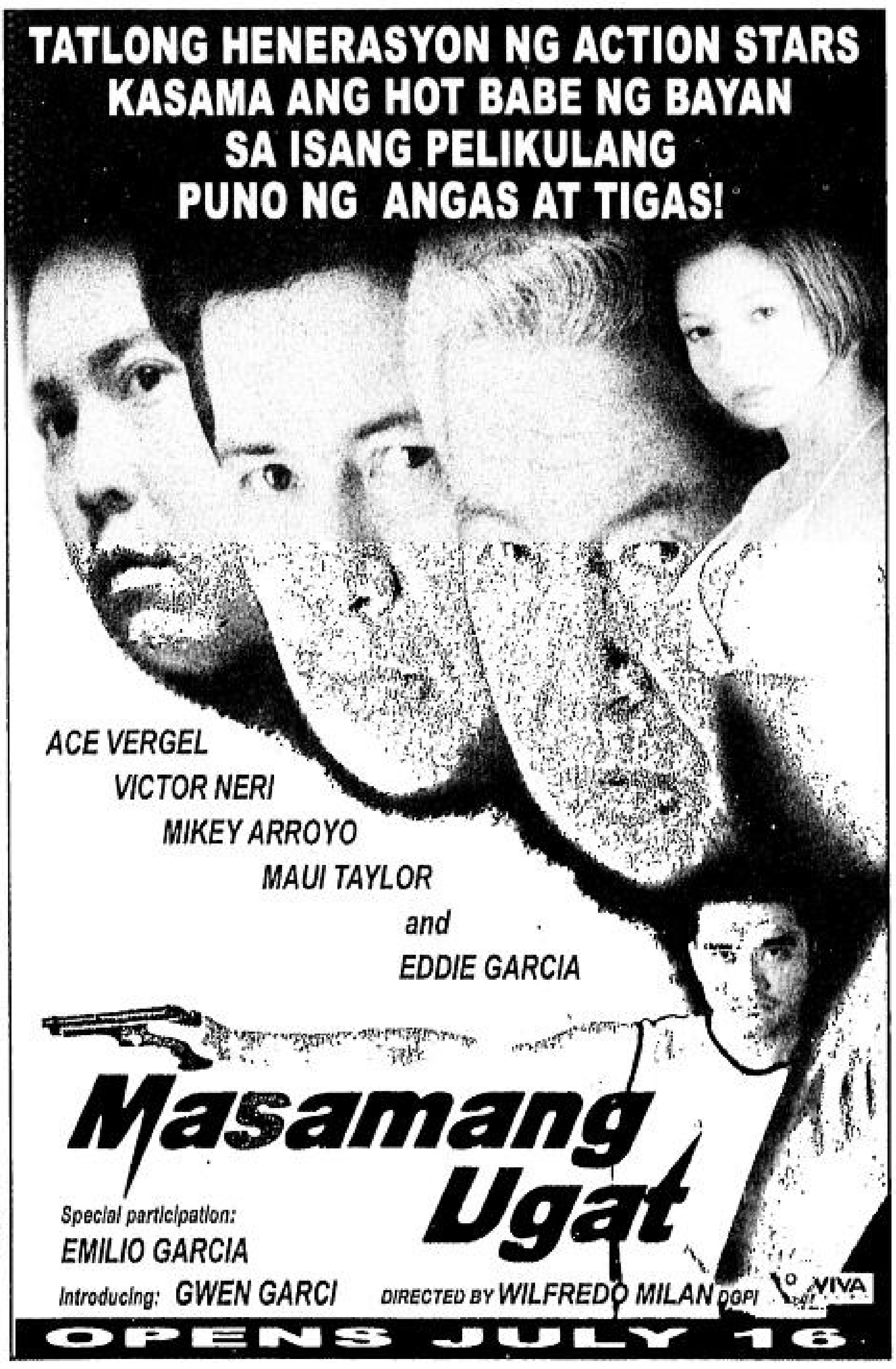
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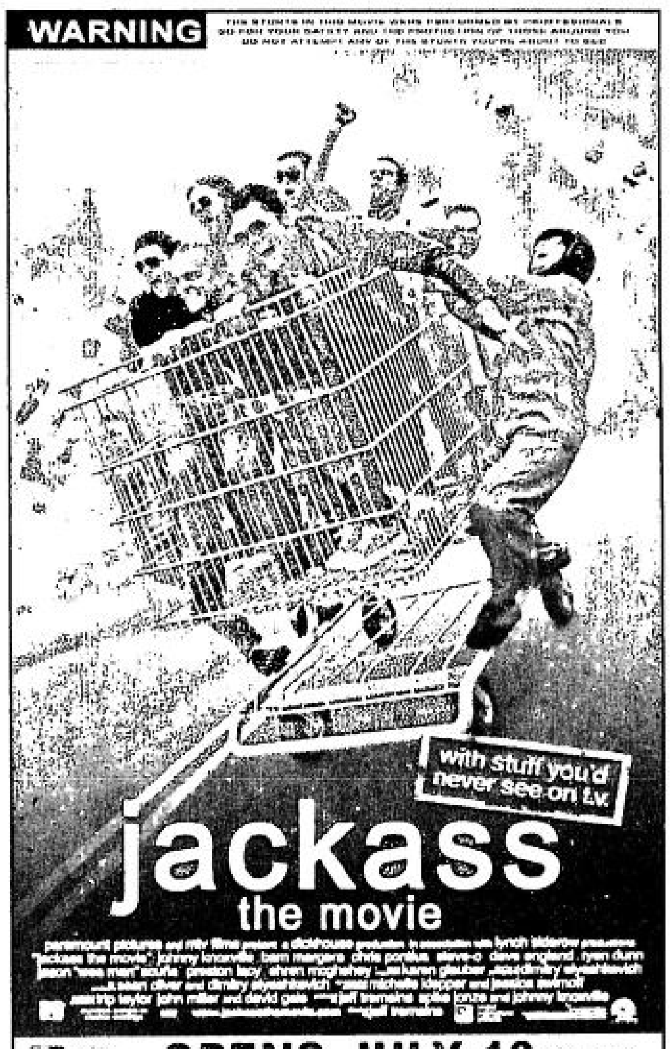
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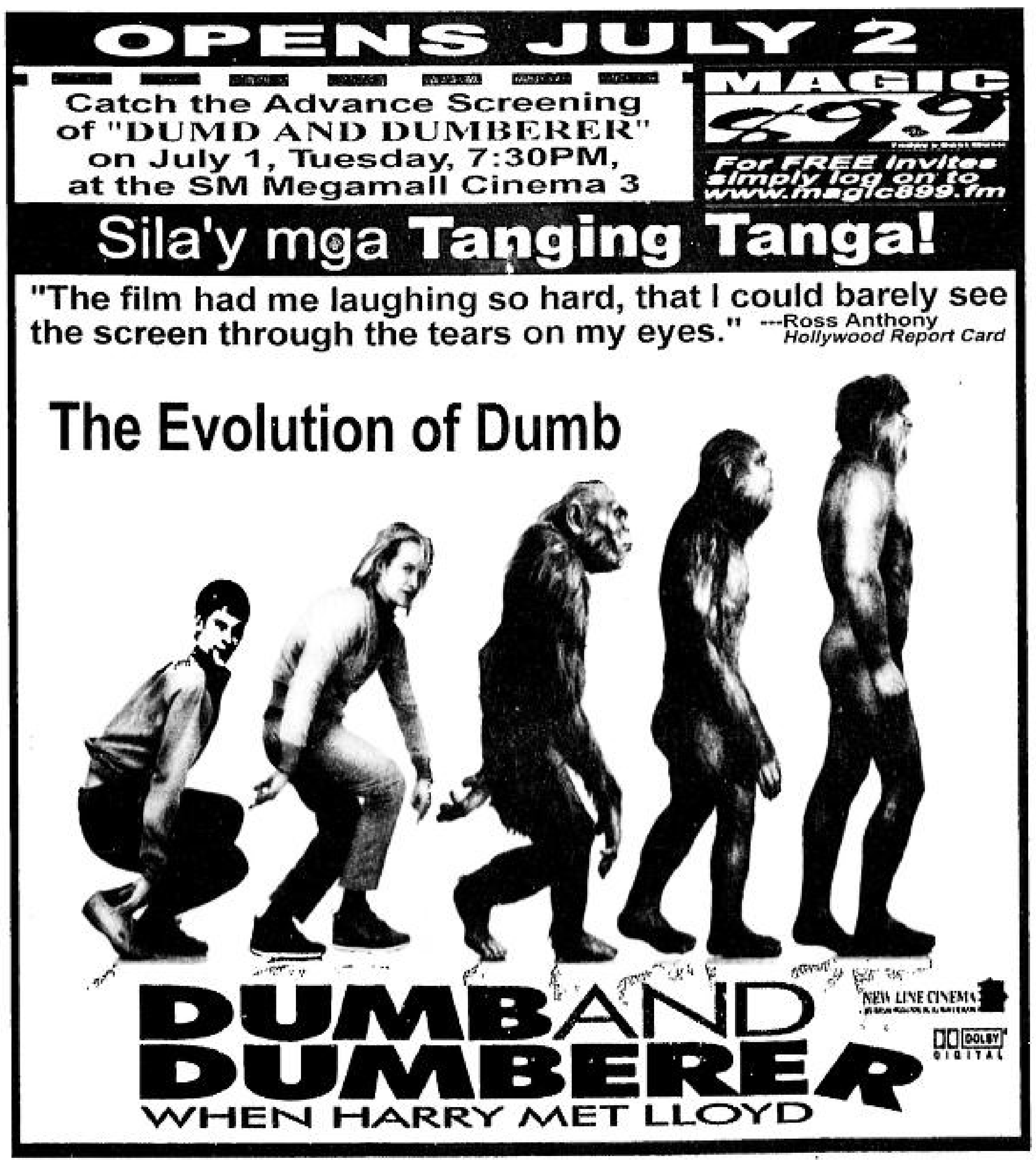
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The Man Without A Face *"Mel Gibson"*

Monday
Primetime

7:00PM
The pranksters and star comedians
Just For Laughs

8:00PM
Catherine Bell and David James Elliot
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9:00PM
DB Sweeney
Harsh Realm

10:30PM
Sarah Jessica Parker
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Tuesday
Primetime

7:00PM
Tom Cavanaugh
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8:00PM
Calista Flockhart
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Wednesday
Primetime

7:00PM
Frankie Muniz
Malcolm In The Middle

7:30PM
Mark Addy
Standing

8:00PM
Shiri Appleby and Jason Behr
Roswell

9:00PM
Treat Williams
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10:30PM
Girls Behaving Badly

Thursday
Primetime

7:00PM
Adam Arkin and Joely Fischer
Baby Bob

7:30PM
Melissa Joan Hart
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8:00PM
Keri Russell
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9:00PM
Jill Henessy
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Friday
Primetime

7:00PM
Michael T. Weiss
The Pretender

8:00PM
Just For Laughs

8:30PM
Jenna Elfman
Thomas Gibson
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9:00PM
Anthony Michael Hall
The Dead Zone

10:30PM
The stars and celebrities of
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Saturday
Primetime

7:00PM
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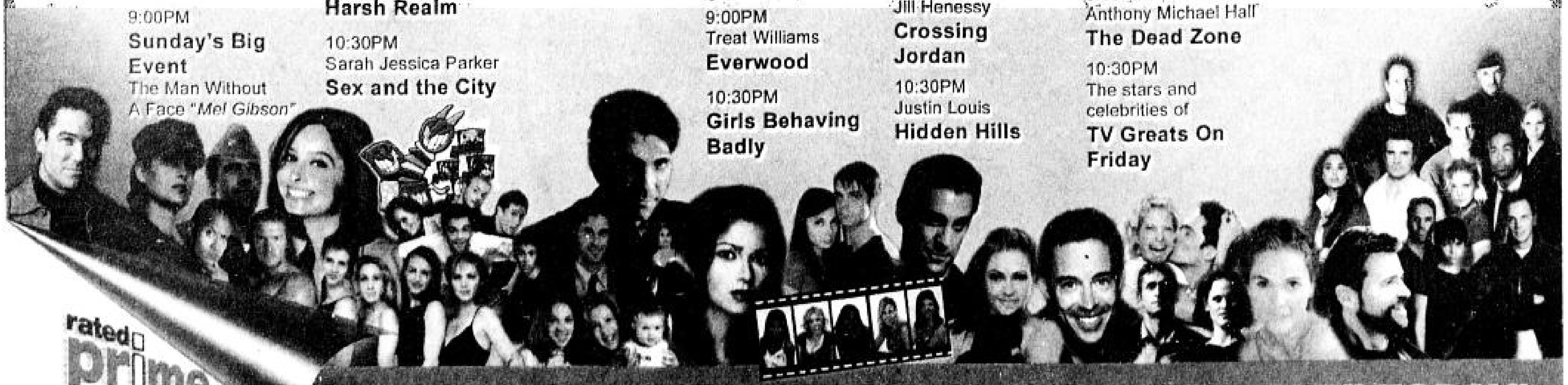

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Health reloaded

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IF YOU'RE happy with your workouts in the gym and your drills on the court, with your power pasta lunches and your *adobo* and rice dinners, with late weekday evenings and your wild weekend parties, then reading about an intense meditation system, a life force channeling practice, an expressive spiritual dance, finding the right yoga teacher or a raw food diet might not pick your interest. No one but yourself can make you do something you really don't want to do, or give up something that you're addicted to. And if your lifestyle answers all the questions raised in your life, then you're probably on a path that is well suited for you.

But if you feel that there is even a little room for improvement, or conversely, if you're looking for something to complement if not modify your life, then read on about how five different people are finding fulfillment in practices that started out as curious hobbies and later turned into life-altering disciplines.

Bela Lipat grew up in a family that encouraged connection with the spiritual side. Yet as all people must, she had to find her own path that included fighting for the Philippines in the Southeast Asian games, fronting for a punk rock band and working as a fitness instructor. She is focused on helping people develop their full potential in body and mind through ashtanga yoga and Vipassana meditation. Like the yoga she teaches, Vipassana is not a fad for the dilettante who is looking for a new thrill. It is a practice that requires full commitment of time and energy from its participants for at least the 10 days necessary to experience its benefits.

Eckard Rempe takes us through his personal journey toward a healthful lifestyle through raw food. It was a strange concept for a German raised to eat his muesli and enjoy his hearty meats. Raw food is a food philosophy that is taking hold around the world, from the Sunfire foods of the Caribbean to my own favorite haunt, Roxanne's Raw Foods in Larkspur, California. And to make sure that we in the Philippines are not left hanging, he set up his own restaurant in his resort in San Benito, Lipa City, that serves almost exclusively raw food. Not that you'd guess that his sushi, burgers, tacos or crackers were completely untouched by the flame of an oven, grill or stove.

David Monticillo shares with us his methods of dealing with stressful people and stressful situations. While he combines Eastern and Western thought in his stress management seminars, for his own needs he turns to Chi Gong, the Chinese art of channeling the flow of vital energy.

Dona Tumacder is a free spirit who has found her vocation in dance meditation. She explains to us the benefits of spontaneous movement in clearing our anxieties toward ourselves and others, as well as giving medium to expressing our passions. Yoga, martial arts, sports might have their spaces in our lives, but Dona shows us how to make our movements our own.

Lastly, I share my perspective on the importance and danger of giving too much worth to teacher certification in sharing these disciplines, specifically with my practice, yoga. In a small community where much of what we practice is learned abroad, few people who are called to teach have the time or resources to be certified by a higher authority. Does that mean they are a danger to their students?

Unfortunately, nothing you read can impart the experience of an uncooked meal, an unblocked Chi channel, or a soul-quenching meditation. The benefit of this section is that it gives you the information to explore new avenues that may interest you and, ultimately, enrich your life.

Catch Bela, Dona and David in August in Buenavista, Tagaytay, in a weekend workshop called "Home for the Healing Arts." Call 811-6420 or 830-2179.

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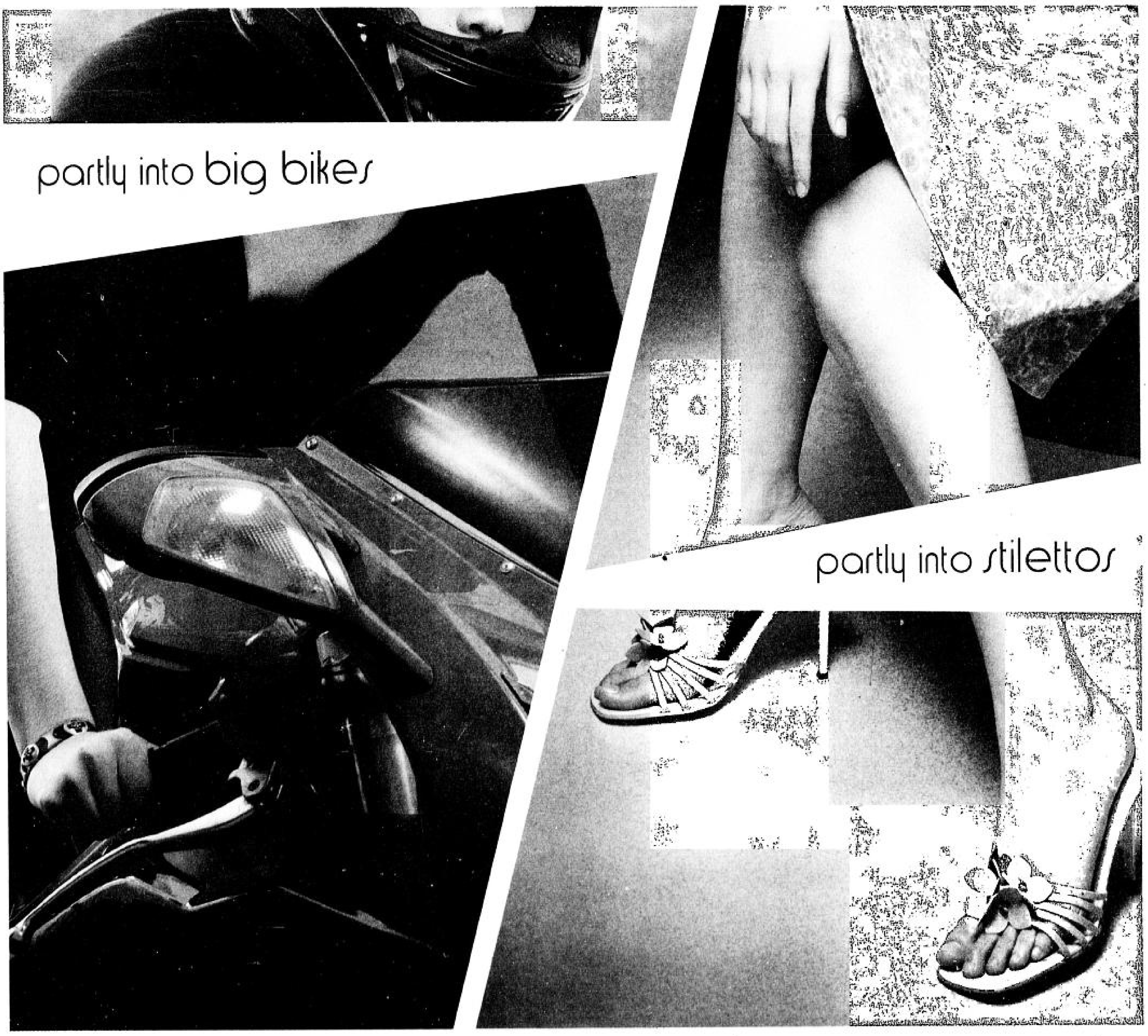

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Full tank with 'chi gong'

By David C. Montecillo

CHI gong—A form of low-impact, slow, meditative exercises originally from China. The purpose of chi gong is to enhance the flow of Chi (energy) in the body, thus bringing the practitioner back to a sense of physical and emotional balance. Tai Chi Chuan is a form of chi gong.

Have you ever felt drained by listening to someone else's problems? There are a lot of people out there who are labeled as "heavy." After spending a couple of hours listening to their tales of woe, you feel deflated and even start to feel like the other person's problems have become yours.

Modern psychotherapy calls this phenomenon "transference." In a nutshell, it is when feelings and emotions are transferred from one person to the other by talking and listening.

Psychotherapists often go through this when they listen to the problems and issues of other people. This is also true for people whom many consider as their "emotional dumping ground."

There are a number of techniques in the area of psychology and psychotherapy that help in alleviating that "drained" feeling after being emotionally "dumped" on by a client or a friend. In my opinion, practicing chi gong should be added to the techniques of debriefing one's self after an emotionally draining session.

I discovered how practicing chi gong, after lending a sympathetic ear to a friend, can be an excellent tool in alleviating that "drained" feeling.

In my own way, I often serve as the "good-friend-who'll-listen-to-you-bitch-about-the-world." I have my share of friends who curse the world about ex-boyfriends/girlfriends, work, bosses, in-laws, other friends, crossroads in life, indecisions, and it often leaves me feeling emotionally drained.

But after a few minutes of relaxed *chi gong* movements and sets, I feel fine again.

Energy flow

How does chi gong alleviate that "drained-deflated" feeling? First, I must explain the nature of chi as far as emotions go.

As my *sifu* (teacher) taught me, *chi* is the Chinese word for "energy." Western parlance has labeled chi as bioplasmic emissions. *Chi* flows all throughout our bodies through many energy pathways. *Chi* is what acupuncturists try to keep flowing with needles.

Healthy people have a healthy *chi* flow, while sick people have slow, lethargic *chi* flow.

But the most important feature of *chi* for this topic is that **emotions and thoughts direct the flow of *chi*.** Our minds can actually affect the flow of *chi*, hence influencing our physical health.

So when engaging in conversation with someone, there is an exchange of *chi* between two or more people. When we are listening to someone about his/her problems, we are giving *chi* to that person through the mindset of attention and sympathy/empathy.

Sad people often have low *chi* levels and they often boost their energy by talking to happy or balanced people who have high *chi* levels. If the listener isn't aware, his/her *chi* will be transferred to the sad person. The shift in *chi* level for the listener will result in a low, drained feeling.

Please bear in mind that this explanation is based on the eastern dynamics of *chi*. Modern psychotherapy may doubt this process, but both schools agree that listening to an emotionally "heavy" person can induce an emotionally deflated feeling in the listener.

Stress

I personally confirmed this "unloading-through-*chi gong*" theory when I took on a psychotherapist as one of my students for *chi gong* classes.

She said she needed to relax, and she heard about the relaxing benefits of *chi gong*. She was always feeling tense and had stiffness around her shoulders. It seemed that due to a busy schedule of counseling people and being a wife and mother of two, she hardly had time, or just plain forgot, to debrief (unloading what she got from clients).

I could imagine the kind of strain her schedule put on her *chi* levels. Not only was she counseling people with marital, addiction, co-dependent and insecurity problems, she also had to deal with the stress of raising a family.

What she had in her was a combination of non-flowing stress *chi* from her and other minds.

As I instructed her in the first few sets of *chi gong*, her movements reflected how stressed she was. The slow *chi gong* movements caused some pain in some body areas. This was because the lethargic, non-flowing *chi* was being unblocked.

In the course of the class, the pains started to diminish, her *chi* began to flow better and she felt lighter. It was like she just let go of a heavy burden on her mind. The *chi gong* movements were replenishing her depleted *chi* levels and inducing a healthy flow.

These days she manages to find time to debrief properly and do *chi gong* to bring her back to balance.

OW. WHAT IS BURDENING ME?
CHI BLOCKAGE

> Before lending a friendly or professional ear to someone, fill yourself up with fresh, healthy 'chi'

Fresh 'chi'

From what I gathered from psychotherapists, before they counsel someone about their problems and issues, they go into a mind state of "running-on-empty." This means they "empty" themselves of biases, judgments and other mindsets and emotions that would hamper a proper counseling session—in other words, to put one's self in an objective mindset like other medical practitioners when they treat patients.

Coming from a *chi gong* perspective, I recommend having a "full tank" in place of "running-on-empty." This means "filling" yourself with a lot of fresh, healthy *chi* before lending a friendly or professional ear to someone.

Having high *chi* levels will help in preventing that "drained" feeling after the session. Having a "full tank" of *chi* will also help in "shielding" the listener from the heavy emotional chi being projected by the one talking.

Furthermore, practicing *chi gong* is a way of bringing yourself to an emotional and physical balance by enhancing the flow of *chi*. I think psychotherapists will agree that one must be emotionally balanced first before trying to help the emotionally imbalanced.

Our society is known for being open-hearted to one another. We all, at one point in time, have bared our problems, hearts and souls to a friend or friends for emotional support. Likewise, we have assumed the role of comforting and listening to others about their pains and passions.

I actually encourage people who deal with other people's emotions and issues to take up the practice of *chi gong*. I can only speak for myself when I say that it helps me gain an emotional balance not just for my benefit but also for the benefit of those who call me to complain about the world.

So the next time you're going to comfort your best friend because he/she just broke up with an ex, do a little *chi gong* before and after the crying session. Having a "full tank" is always a good thing to have.

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Throat Care Facts *and* Fallacies

Cold, rainy days in the country signal the start of viral outbreaks and respiratory diseases such as colds and flu. Sore throats often signify the start of these health problems. It is very important that sore throats not be ignored to prevent complications on one's health.

Sore throat prevention remains to be the best line of defense. However, when one is already experiencing the agony of sore throats, easing it is the best measure to take in order to go on with the day. But how? There abound old myths and tall tales on how to ensure the health of one's throat. Following them blindly could be detrimental, that is why it is of utmost importance to determine the soundness of their assertions. Read on to know some of these facts and fallacies. They will even help you take better care of your throat.

FACT: Drinking water keeps the throat and voice healthy.

Most people are not aware that water does wonders for the throat, as it helps to maintain the moisture in the area. Our vocal cords vibrate against each other more than a hundred times per second and as such, it requires constant and sufficient lubrication. Drinking six to eight 8-ounce glasses of water daily helps make the throat moist. Caffeine and alcohol should be avoided because they dehydrate the vocal cords, which can promote or aggravate the damage.

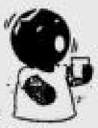
FACT: Good hygiene prevents sore throat.

Practicing a clean and healthy lifestyle greatly reduces the chances of sore throat infection, whether viral or bacterial. Careful hand washing should be observed. One should also follow a regular oral health routine -- brushing, flossing, and rinsing with an antiseptic mouthwash -- that will help prevent throat problems. Other hygienic measures include refraining from sharing food or beverages with other people and avoiding smoky places. Proper use of the voice (avoiding shouting, practicing proper modulation, avoiding excessive talking) is also part of good throat hygiene.

DENTAL FLOSS

FACT: Gargling with an antiseptic mouthwash or with saltwater provides relief from sore throat.

Gargling is found to be an effective remedy for ordinary sore throat conditions. Some antiseptic mouthwashes have a demulcent or lubricating effect on the throat which helps alleviate the discomfort associated with sore throat. Mouthwashes also help ensure that the bacterial count (in some cases even the viral and fungal counts) in the mouth and throat are at minimum levels. This antibacterial action also takes care of halitosis or "bad breath" that often accompanies infected throats. On the other hand, it'll be best if product labels are checked well to ensure that you get an antibacterial oral antiseptic specifically for sore throat and not just an ordinary mouthwash.



FALLACY: It's ok not to finish the period imposed for antibiotics when you feel better in two to three days.

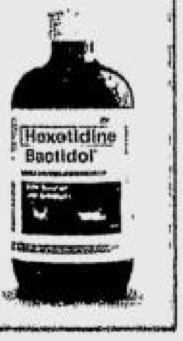
Antibiotics are prescribed to treat bacterial sore throats, which on rare occasions may lead to kidney damage and rheumatic heart disease. Although the pain and discomfort disappear after only a few doses of medication, it is important to finish the entire course of antibiotics. Doing otherwise may cause the infection to resume and bring more problems. Also, stopping medication midway can create strains of bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics. Bacteria could then become immune to this kind of treatment. Your doctor should be the best person to decide how long you should take antibiotics.

FALLACY: Drinking tea or nuts with honey is the best remedy for sore throat pain.

Mothers attest to this treatment, but some experts say that it may actually cause more harm than good. Tea has caffeine, which dries up the throat and speeds up the production of mucus. While honey has been used in studies involving burn patients, its scientific value in sore throat has not been established yet. Some people even crush almonds and walnuts and mix them with honey, as they are believed to reduce inflammation. The evidence to support this claim still has to be looked at closely. For reasons that are obvious to those who have ever eaten nuts, the health of the throat and nut consumption do not seem to go hand in hand. In addition, peanuts are still one of the most common causes of aspiration or choking, especially in young children.

Sore throats can really bog a person down. People will always have their own ways of coping with pain, but it is important to keep in mind that self medication is best done with good scientific knowledge combined with common sense. Sore throats, especially those that persist recur, or worsen instead of improving, are best treated under the supervision of your doctor, who will help you determine its cause as well as the most effective remedy and medication to take.

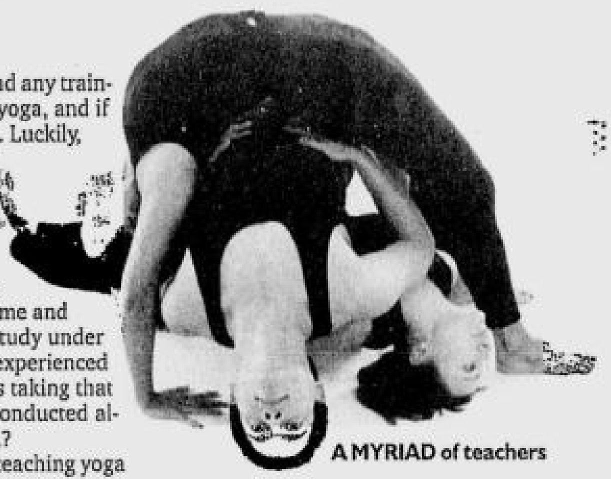
A health update from the throat care experts, PSO-HNS and Bactidol.



To teach or not to teach...

By Jon-Jon Rufino

I WAS justly asked recently if I had any training regarding my instruction of yoga, and if my course included a certificate. Luckily, I had completed such a course, and so I was able to answer in the affirmative. The course I took was immensely fulfilling, and I would recommend such a course to anyone who had the time and resources to travel abroad and study under one of the more popular and experienced "masters" of their craft. But does taking that course mean the classes that I conducted almost one year prior were a sham?

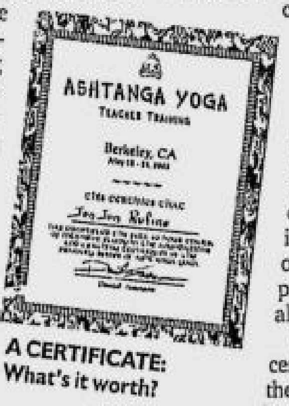


A MYRIAD of teachers

I was thrust into the realm of teaching yoga by my instructor, Bela Lipat, in May of last year because she needed a substitute while she went on a hard-earned vacation. Although I was apprehensive of the responsibility, I was excited at the prospect of leading a class and eager to do her the favor of temporarily distracting her students in her absence. And that's all I hoped to be, a helpful distraction so that her many students might not notice her three-week absence.

So I was pleasantly surprised to hear from Sofia Elizalde, the proprietress of Steps Dance Studio, that her students found my classes to be educational and in a way different but complementary to Bela's. And when she came back, I was happy to return to my comfortable classes under her, conducting only the occasional beginner class for my friends.

After a few months, however, Bela asked me to take over some of her classes on a regular basis. I had never envisioned myself to be anything more than a substitute teacher, but there is an infectious joy to sharing something that one is passionate about. So I rearranged my regular office schedule to allow me this new role, that of the yoga teacher. But I had one major hurdle to overcome: my own self doubt.



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A CERTIFICATE: What's it worth?

Did I really know what I was doing? There were two or three yoga teachers whom I knew in town with infinitely more experience than I. They had the prerequisite contact with an Indian guru, years of experience and competence in their art. All I had was the lucky coincidence of having an agreeable diet with the practice, and some level of accomplishment with some of the poses.

Apparently, that was enough. I don't believe that I had any students from Steps desert my class. And I received continual requests for more private classes from groups who could not work out their schedule with other yoga instructors. Besides, there were others, like Ferdie Salvador and Robert Dario, who, with a little more experience, were establishing successful practices.

But still there was doubt. So at every opportunity, I attended classes with different instructors, here and abroad, even divergent disciplines; my friend Rina Ortiz, a new instructor at the time, introduced me to Iyengar Yoga through Ming Li. I gained a measure of confidence only after I was able to attend a workshop with Ashtanga's Guruji himself, Pattabhi Jois.

How did all of this go back to my teaching? Did all this exposure improve my communication and content? Absolutely it did. Still, I have found that even from the very first days, I had something of value to share, and that stripping away everything I have learned since then, I might still be able to teach something useful to some students.

I still believe that my recent teacher training course is of immense benefit, and my students who have complemented me before notice and appreciate the changes in my instruction. But it is my own practice of yoga that has been the most important tool in teaching. It is my daily morning sweat that gives me the greatest authority to conduct a class.

In searching for a teacher then, whether in a way-of-life practice like yoga, or for a physical practice like tennis or weight training, or an art like dance or painting, one cannot hope to find more than a guide who teaches what he or she knows, and only that. What qualified me more than any certificate to instruct people to get into a difficult posture is my own difficulty in attaining that posture, and my observation on what had to happen to my body in order to gradually approach a challenging move.

Should we look for people with certificates before we enroll with them? It can't hurt for a teacher to have one, but no certificate can guarantee proper communication, or compassion, the hallmark of a good teacher. As my teacher, David Swensen, carefully pointed out before he began his teacher training course, all the certificate says is that one is physically present for the instruction, that he complied with all the requirements of the lesson. It cannot guarantee that one has the desire and ability to teach.

On the other hand, ignoring people who don't have a certificate on their wall would deny access to a wealth of information and experience from those who might be most qualified to teach, those with passion, compassion and honesty.

How do you know if one is a good teacher? Ultimately, it lies with the students. They are the ones who need to discern for themselves if they like what they are learning from those whom they entrust with their time, their money and their confidence.

Deep meditation

By Bela Lipat

IT was in the spring of 1997, when I was in the Himalayas in India studying Hatha Yoga and Meditation, that I came across a book called "The Art of Living."

The book talked about a meditation technique familiar to me called Vipassana. Its aim was not to merely concentrate the mind, although that was the first step. It sought to purify the mind, eradicating all the mental defilements and negativities within from their very roots, and thus attain liberation from all misery and full enlightenment.

Vipassana is one of India's most ancient meditation techniques. It was rediscovered by Gautama the Buddha, and was the essence of what he practiced and taught during his life.

It is the meditation technique of the Theravadin Buddhist School, or the Hinayana tradition, which prevails in South Asia, Burma, Cambodia, Thailand and Sri Lanka. It was familiar to me because it was the technique I practiced when I was growing up.

But what intrigued me was the method of teaching it in a 10-day course.

I signed up, and during the course experienced a most profound breakthrough in the understanding of the mind and the source of suffering.

It wasn't easy by all means, but I experienced how it could lead to the highest spiritual goal of full liberation from all mental defilements, just like the book said.

Powerful

Although I had already learned the technique when I was 13 years old from a Burmese Buddhist nun and it was actually my chosen technique of meditation, the experience of a 10-day residential course was very powerful.

The three-day courses I used to take were a breeze compared to this experience. Ten days of sustained practice is the minimum amount of time in which the essentials of the technique can be truly learned, and for it to have an effect and be applied in daily life.

For the duration of the course, we stayed within the site. There was no contact with the outside world, no reading, no writing, no talking, no religious practices or any other disciplines.

We were up before sunrise, and the daily schedule was about 11 hours of sitting meditation.

There are three steps to the training. First, students practice avoiding actions that cause harm, thus taking five moral precepts. Second step, we work to develop a more stable and concentrated mind by learning to fix our attention on the natural reality of the ever-changing flow of the breath as it enters and leaves the nostrils. The third step is the practice of Vipassana itself: the observation of sensations throughout the body, the experiential understanding of their changing nature and the development of a balanced mind by learning not to react to them.

The universal truths of impermanence, suffering and egolessness are then experienced. This truth realization by direct experience is the process of purification.

Disharmony

The teacher, S.N. Goenka, says, "To learn the art of living harmoniously, first one must find the cause of disharmony. The cause always lies within, and for this reason you have to explore the reality of yourself. This technique helps you to do so, to examine your own mental and physical structure, towards which there is so much attachment, resulting only in tensions, in misery.

"At the experiential level, one must understand one's own nature, mental and physical; only then can one experience whatever there might be beyond mind and matter."

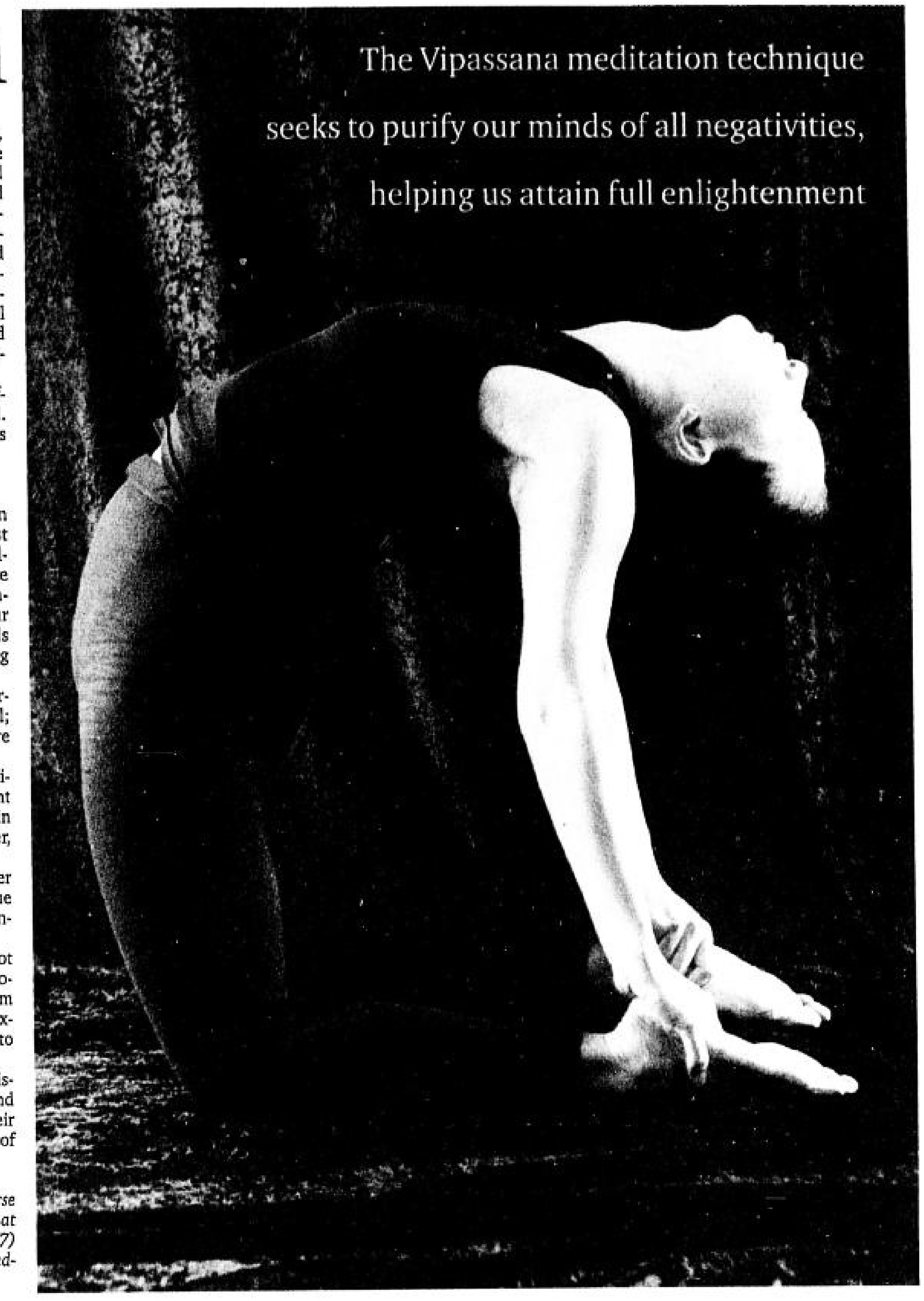
Today, I no longer have to go to the Himalayas to attend a 10-day course as taught by S.N. Goenka. The first Vipassana course in the Philippines was held last year in October, and the second was held recently in May.

A third course will be held this October and, hopefully, the experience will continue to be shared with everyone here in our country.

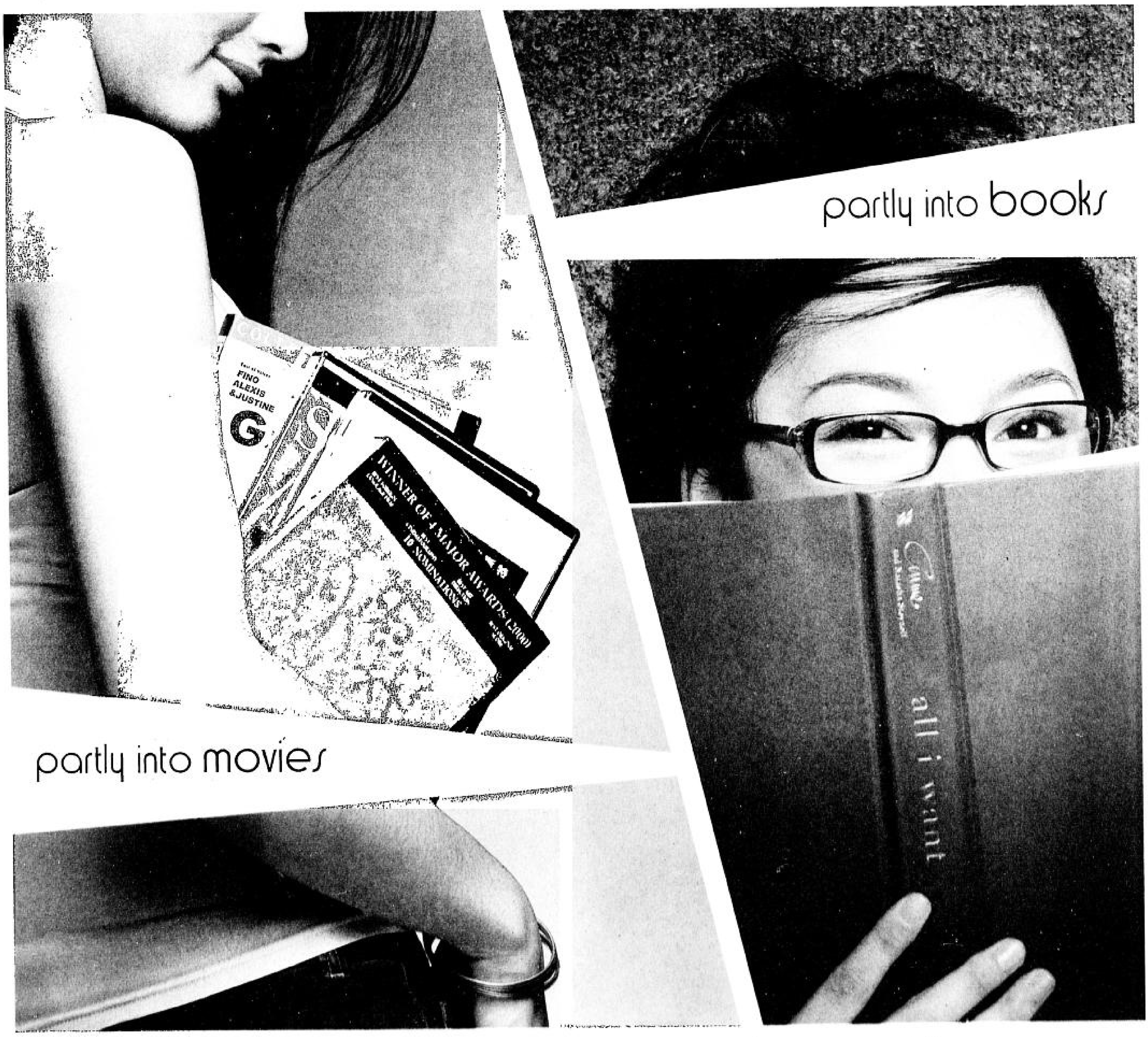
There are no charges for the courses, not even to cover the cost of food and accommodations. They run entirely on donations from those who, having completed a course and experienced the benefits of Vipassana, wish to give others the same opportunity.

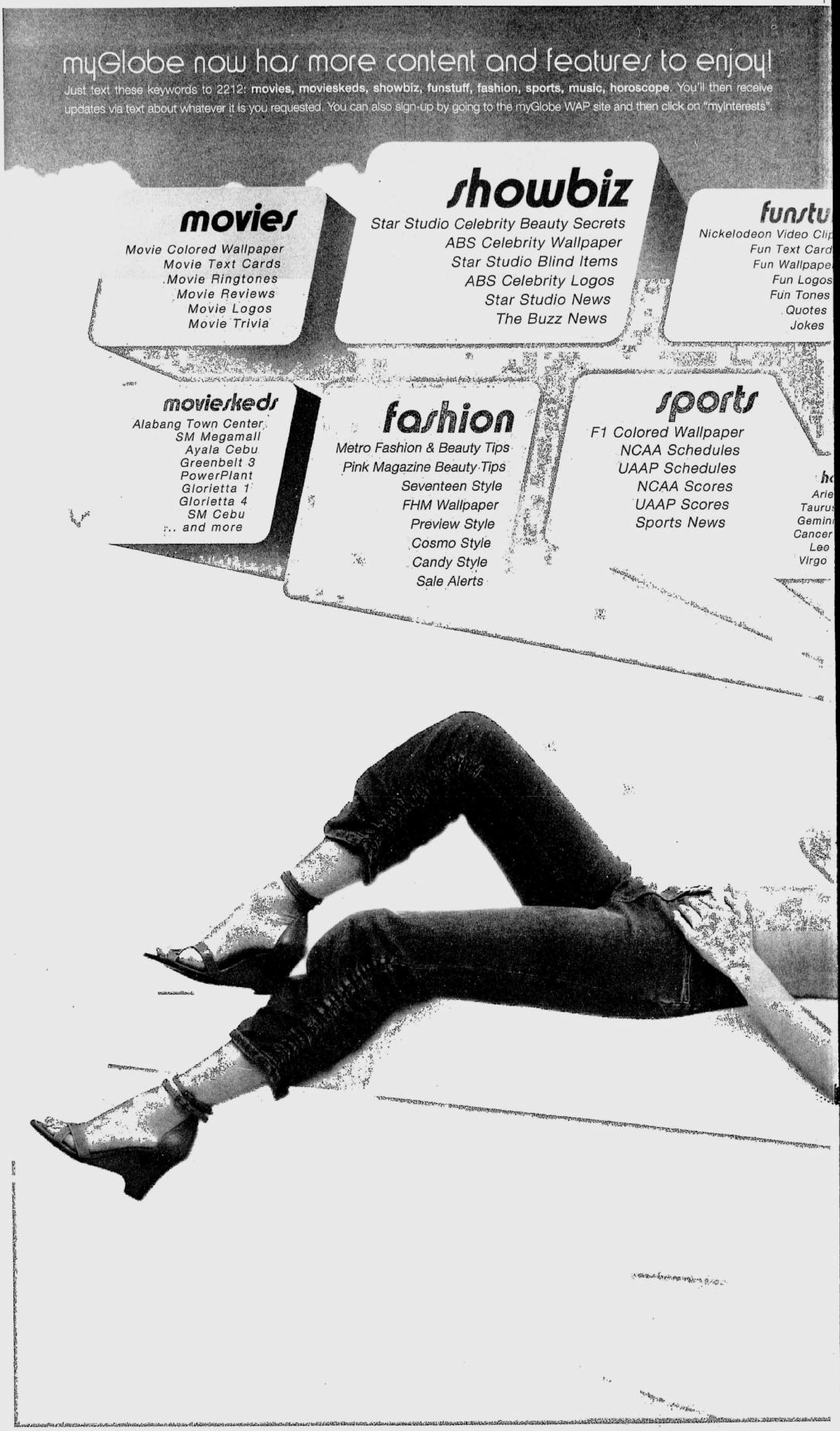
Likewise, neither Mr. Goenka nor his assistant teachers receive remuneration. They and others who serve the courses volunteer their time, thus sparing Vipassana the burdens of commercialization.

For inquiries on the 10-day Vipassana course in the Philippines, call Sister Angelita Walker at (0920) 553-0602 or Wowie Hidalgo at (0917) 834-3070; e-mail rmhidalgo@edsamail.com.ph or visit www.dhamma.org



The Vipassana meditation technique seeks to purify our minds of all negativities, helping us attain full enlightenment





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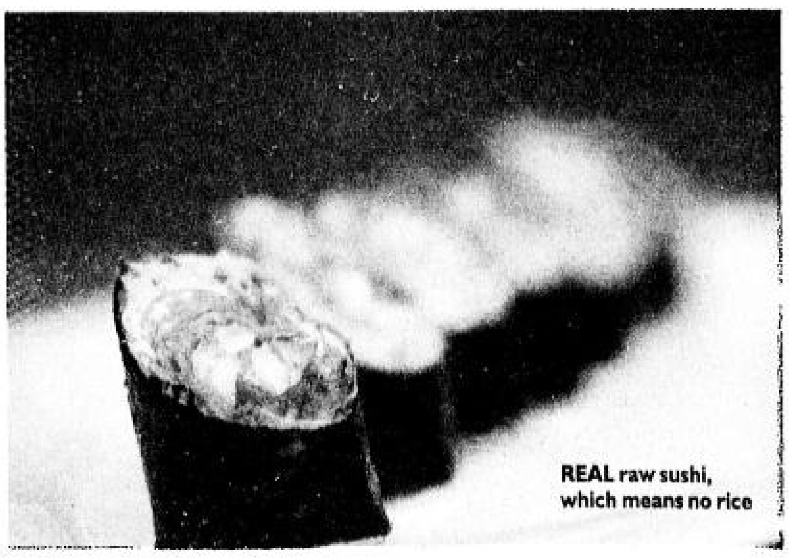

REAL raw sushi, which means no rice

SIMPLE pleasures: a fresh hand roll

Bet your health on raw food

By Eckard Rempe

You heard that right: raw or living food is better for your body than cooked or processed food

MY JOURNEY into raw, living foods started a few days before Christmas 1993. I found a gift from my accountant on my office table, a book entitled "Why Christians Get Sick."

"Well," I argued in my mind, "why should we Christians *not* get sick like anybody else? Why do we always think we are better than others?"

I viewed the book with reluctance and suspicion. Not exactly my kind of reading. Little did I know that my life, and the lives of the people very close to me, would be changed by it forever.

The morning after an enjoyable New Year's Eve meal at a friend's house, we departed for a few days at the beach. I threw the book into my travel bag, intending to read a few pages here and there in case my accountant asked me how I liked her gift.

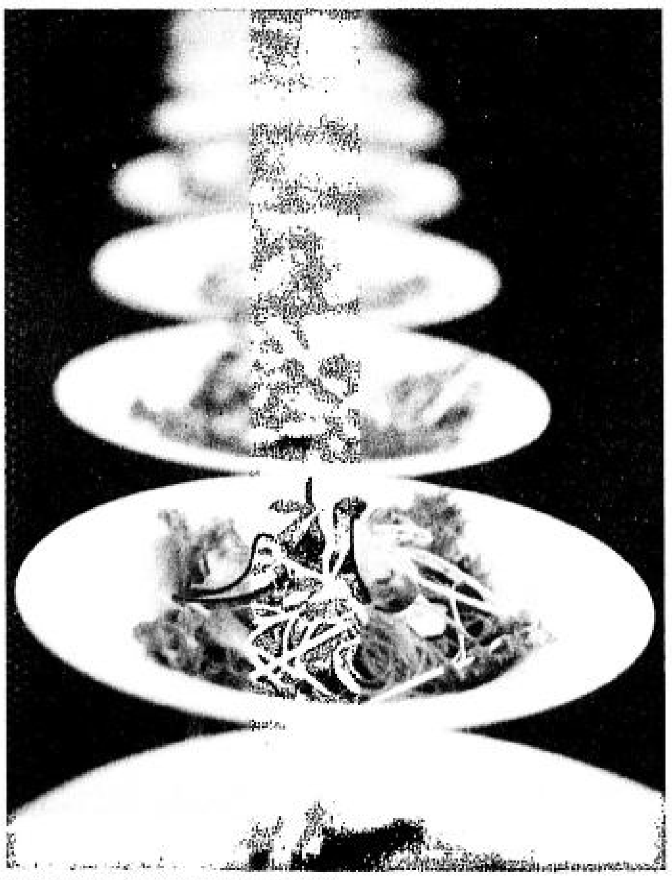
As soon as I read the first paragraph, I was jolted into a different mindset. I was unable to put the book down. By that afternoon, I was a changed person.

My journey had started—a journey that initially brought pain, uncertainty and frustrations into my life. My relationships were put to the test, family ties were strained, friendships questioned, lifelong habits broken, religious beliefs challenged—and all because I had decided to become a raw vegetarian.

Unthinkable

Vegetarianism would not have raised anyone's eyebrows, but eating only raw food certainly would, especially since this was simply unheard of in the early 1990s.

A CORNUCOPIA of dehydrated delicacies


A SALAD to feed an army... of cells

Giving up my German sausages, cold cuts, pork chops, pig-knuckles, potatoes and cakes, not to mention beer and wine, was initially unthinkable. And yet, from the moment that I made the decision, I have stayed the course.

Eating my favorite "healthy" breakfast grain or fruit muesli was suddenly a no-no, as were my fried or scrambled eggs in the morning. Even potatoes and rice were no good.

What exactly was it that made me shift to a radically different lifestyle?

"Raw" refers to all unprocessed fruits, sprouted seeds, vegetables, and nuts. I personally like the term "sunfood" better than "raw food" because it implies that the food is totally natural and has that all-important ingredient in it, "life-force energy".

Bury an apple into Mother Earth and out comes an apple tree. But when the apple is cooked in a microwave oven, nothing comes out. The life force has been destroyed. Do we need to say more?

The same thing happens to processed or cooked foods: their key elements or enzymes are destroyed. Thus, our bodies no longer get maximum support for digestion and numerous other functions.

In other words, food that is cooked is chemically altered and is no longer capable of providing the energy, vitamins and nutrients needed to sustain or provide superior health. What it actually does is set us up for disease, dehydration, malnutrition and premature aging.

Only plant-based foods in their raw state contain the enzymes and life-giving chlorophyll that provide the building blocks for vibrant health and vitality.

In fact, no other species on our planet eats by destroying its food first in the deadly forces of fire and heat. Only humans do. Now, just because it has been done for a long time does not necessarily mean it is right.

Dilemma

But, of course, in the beginning I did have my doubts. "Come on," I told myself, "this is nuts and unreal. Why should a few people suddenly know better what we should eat than countless generations before us in various cultures around the globe?"

A LAYERED terrine

My dilemma was real, prompting me to acknowledge the questions and do extensive research on the subject.

Though my food intake was 90- to 100-percent raw by this time, I spent the next years of my life seeking to disprove the claim that raw food is best for humans.

I studied all aspects of raw vegetarianism in the hope of finding something to support the argument that it's okay to continue eating the cooked food we humans have been accustomed to.

After all, how could the consumption of bread, a food staple that has nourished people of all cultures since pre-historic times, be bad for our health?

In social circles, I started being ridiculed and opposed, or at best tolerated, for my beliefs. Since my body weight dropped significantly, I was also viewed as not being "well."

But deep in my heart I had the feeling that I was doing the right thing. And perhaps to prove me right, my body started healing itself of high blood pressure, slight diabetes, high cholesterol, hair loss, insomnia, bad breath, body odor, and sluggishness of mind and body.

Raw vegetarianism became a daily routine for me, and was actually the portal through which I entered a realm of higher consciousness. It led me from living a mere religious life into a life of deeper spirituality. It opened my psyche and intuition and gave me deeper access to love and compassion, to tolerance and acceptance of what is.

Gentle transition

People reading this article might ask, "Where does this leave me? What can I do? What if I am not ready for a living food lifestyle?"

For some people, it is easy to make a radical change in their life and turn to sunfood overnight. But for many more, this is neither practical nor attainable in the short term, so I suggest a slow and gentle transition.

Have one raw food meal a day, or one raw food day a week, and then gradually increase until your mind and system have adjusted to your new lifestyle.

Raw food cuisine, by the way, has come a long way since the days of munching simple salads. Famous chefs worldwide have developed appetizers, entrees and incredible desserts that leave your taste buds tingling and your senses fully satisfied.

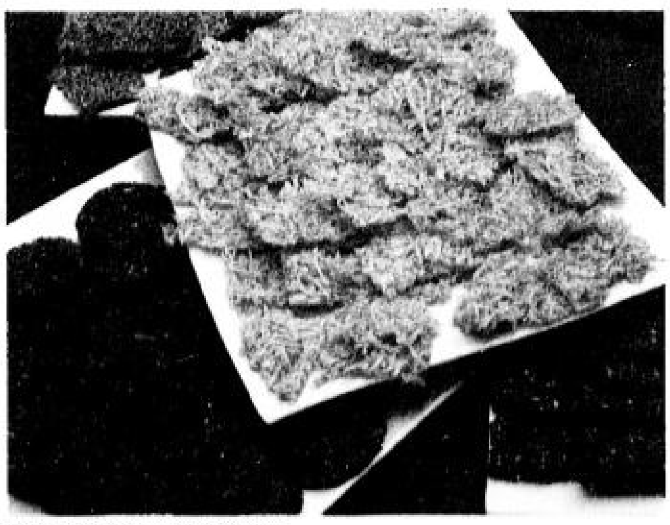
Raw living food can provide the life energy needed to rebuild a person's compromised immune system and natural defenses against disease. A combination of raw food, fasting and detoxification of the mind and body is successfully being used worldwide to reverse any kind of degenerative disease.

Remember that, in the end, true healing always comes from within and is not to be derived from external sources.

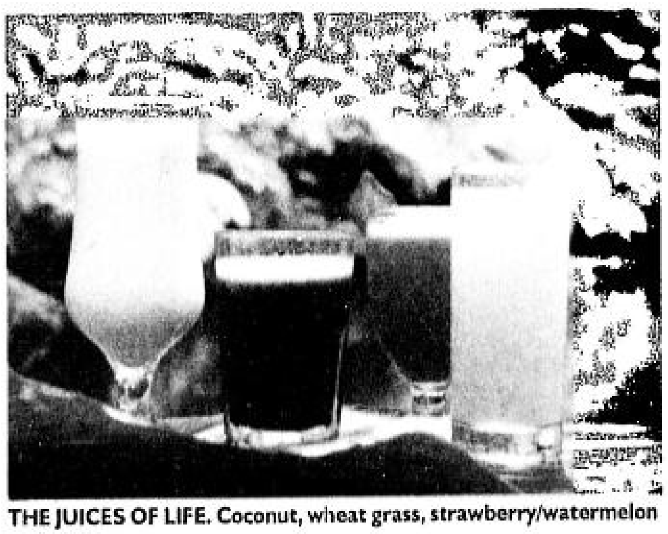
Those who are interested in either the raw food lifestyle or true healing from disease can check out the Hippocrates Health Resort of Asia at The Farm at San Benito, in Lipa City, Batangas.

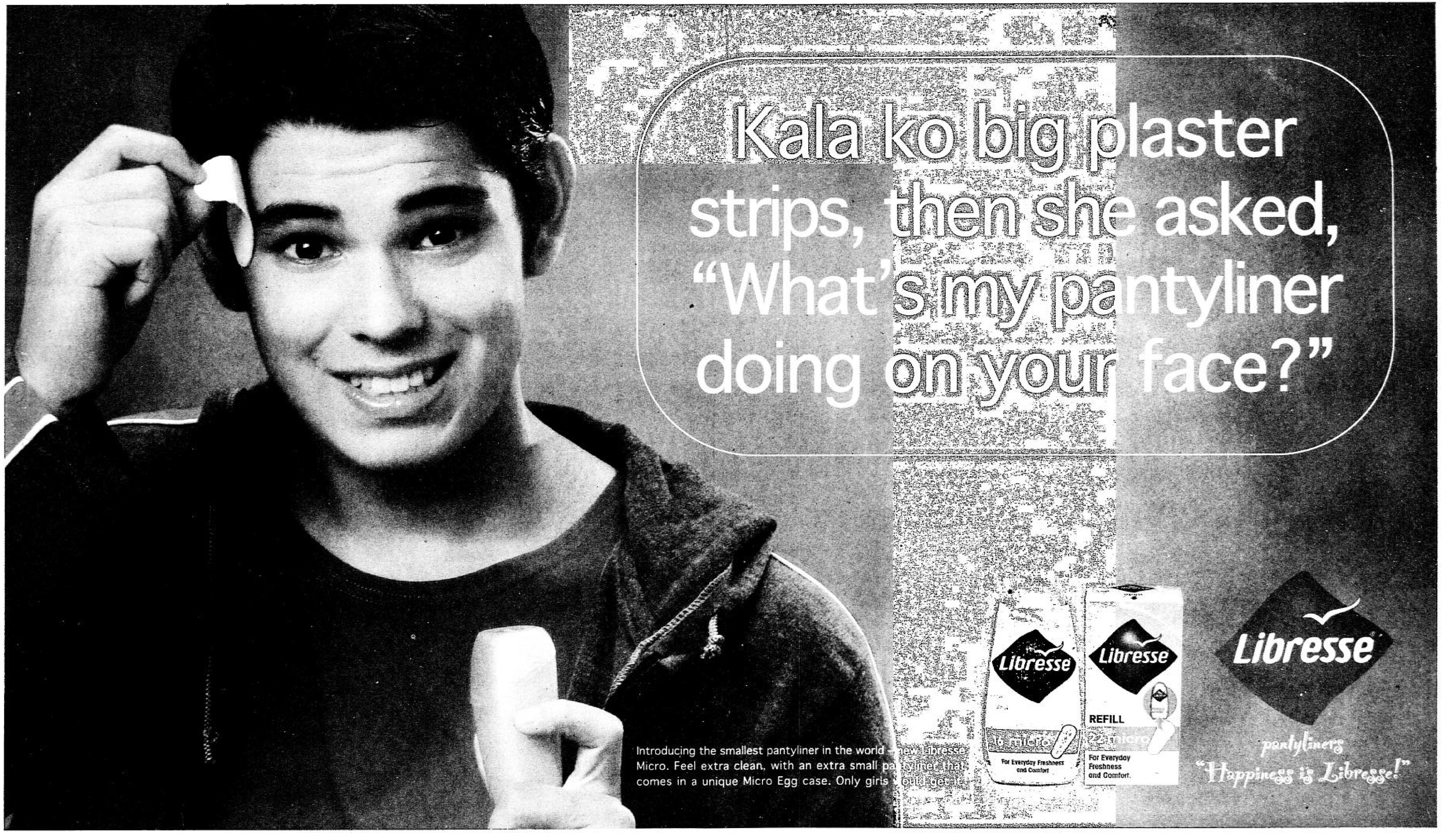
For medical consultation, detoxification programs, lifestyle seminars, un-cooking classes or simple pampering, call 696-3175, 822-9056 or 0917 536-8879.

For more facts about living food, here are some suggested readings: "The Raw Truth" by Renee Underkoffler; "The Sunfood Diet Success System" by David Wolfe; "The Sunfood Cuisine" by Frederic Patenaude; "Survival into the 21 Century" by Victoras Kulvinskas; "Grain Damage" by Douglas Graham


BREADS without the baking

BANANA split sorbet


THE JUICES OF LIFE. Coconut, wheat grass, strawberry/watermelon and citrus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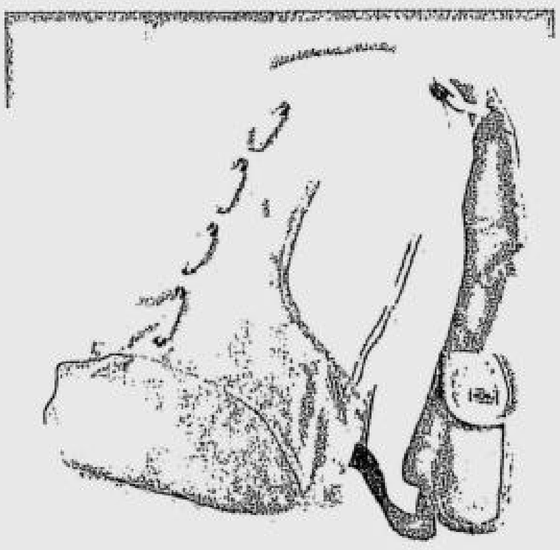

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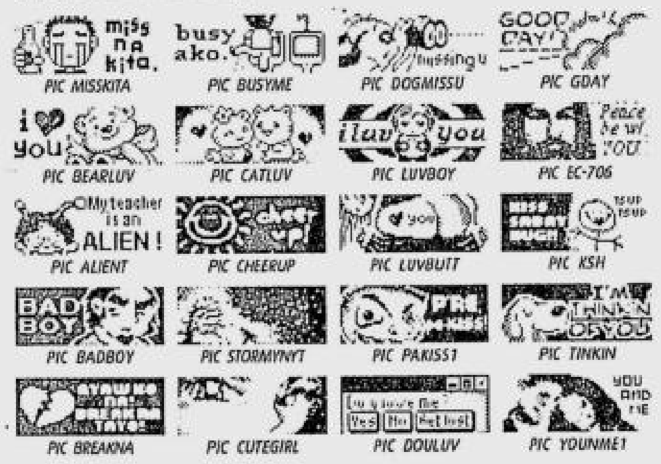

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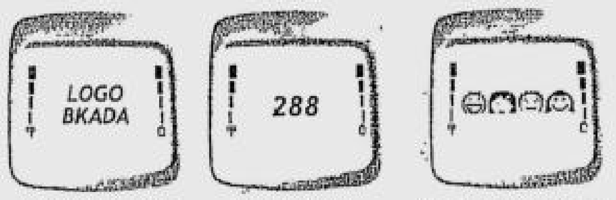

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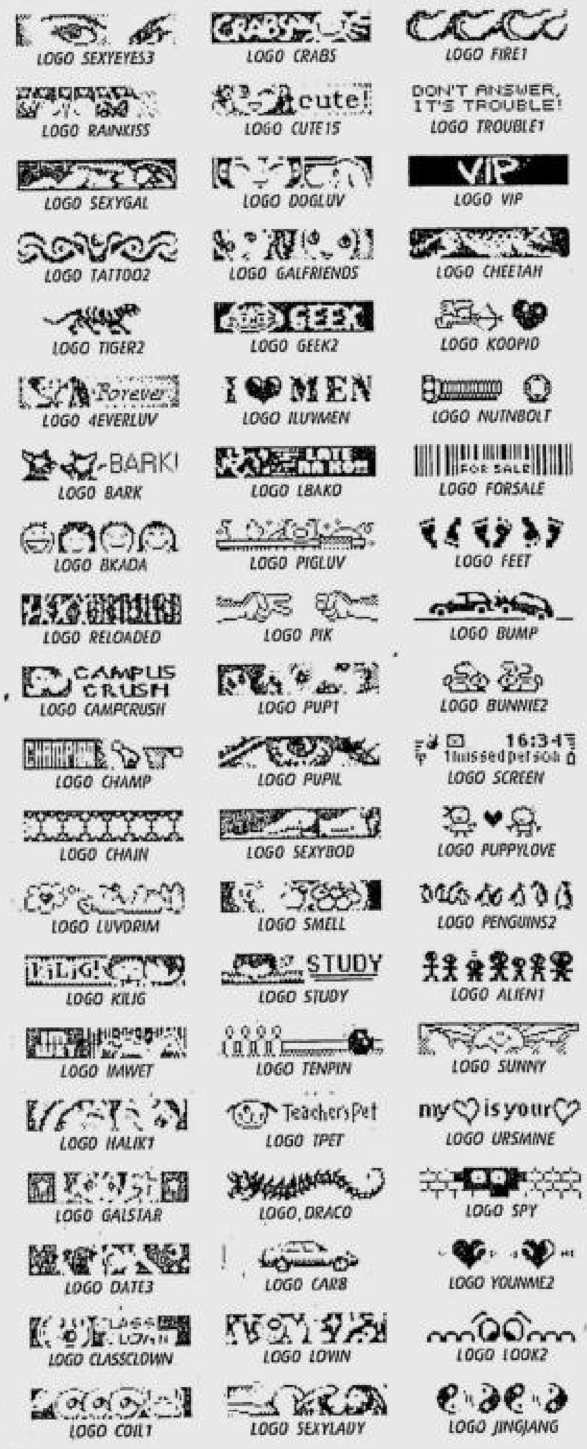

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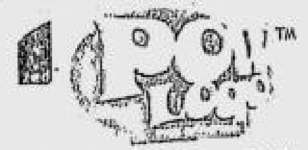

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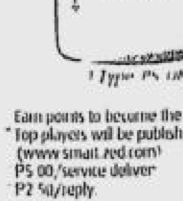

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Sunday LifeStyle

Dance of the inner self

To embody our sacred self, we must make the journey toward self-integration through movement

By Dona Leiza F. Tumacder

ON THE EVE of the 1998 Centennial celebration of Independence Day, my corporate colleagues and I gathered early in the evening and headed for Malate to paint the town red. What greeted us on Nakpil Street was a group of people who literally painted the town in an array of colors—with installations, murals and performances.

Against a backdrop of drumbeats were the captivating movements of two people who, in my eyes, created a moving painting with their bodies. Awestruck, I watched them intently, and from my lips came the heartfelt words, "I wish to be like them."

Fortunately, the universe never forgets our prayers. A year and a half later, after a 20-second, 6.8-strong earthquake that shook up the crowd in a performance of Joey Ayala at the now defunct Inca Café, I started to dance.

The direction of my life changed soon after that. I danced every chance I got. It became my meditation, my passion, my prayer and my art. While I freed my body and expressed my heart, my mind experienced the inner silence that had eluded me in past meditations. Within this dynamic stillness, my Spirit soared and embraced the universe.

Movement as meditation

Walking into a room with people in a variety of positions and different phases of ecstatic movement and prayer, each following rhythms known only to their inner senses, can be extremely unnerving. Our conditioning renders us anxious of letting go of structure, form, rules and instruction. But if we fearlessly open ourselves to the experience, we may find our bodies, hearts, minds and souls gracefully flowing into Wholeness.

Movement Meditation is not new. Various spiritual beliefs incorporate rituals and techniques to reach optimal states of concentration and expanded awareness through the constant motion of the body. Generally, we can divide these practices into structured movement and spontaneous movement. Structured movement follows certain body postures often geared to fulfill specific objectives. Under this are more familiar traditional practices such as chi gong, tai chi and yoga.

Spontaneous movement, on the other hand, allows freedom of form and unrestrained movement, depending on one's developmental or spiritual objectives, inner readiness and our environment. It can be done alone or with a group, guided or unguided. I include both structured and spontaneous movement in my practice.

Spontaneous movement has numerous benefits. Many share the sentiments of multifaceted artists and movement enthusiasts Mike and Susan Tupas. According to Susan, movement and free-form dance elevated her spiritual consciousness to a higher level, made her physically stronger, and opened her to a greater understanding of life and the environment. In the words of Mike, "*Lalong sumaya at sumarap (ang buhay)!*"

Freeing the body

Moving our bodies provides the benefits of aerobic exercises in developing a sound body. Our blood circulates, our hearts pump, our lungs open. Calories and fat burn, muscles tone, flexibility increases and balance improves. Free movement gives us the added benefit of going at our own pace, following our moods and thoroughly exploring our physical strengths and weaknesses.

Free movement also uncovers our relationship with our body—what we feel about it, how we take care of it, or how we don't take care of it. Meditating on each body part

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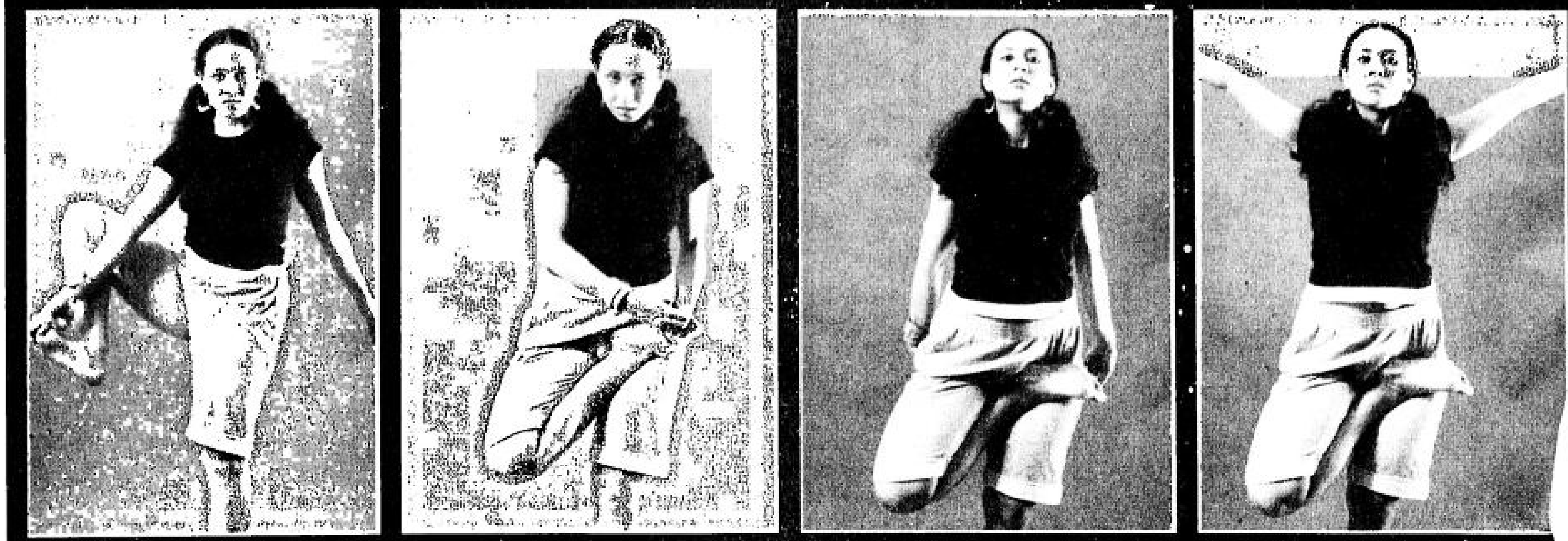

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brings forth a remembrance of its significant contribution to the blessed whole. One of my most memorable experiences is a workshop we conducted for male penitentiary inmates. After five hours of intensive movement meditation, several prisoners burst into tears as they shared their realization of how they had ignored and dishonored their physical selves. Consequently, many of the inmates resolved to love and care for their bodies with renewed reverence.

Releasing the heart

Cliché as it may be, actions speak louder than words. Unfortunately, we live in a society that places invisible bondage on the body, especially on the raw expressions of it. Most of us live in constant fear of laughing too animatedly, walking too seductively, or crying too dramatically.

Spontaneous movement allows safe and unadulterated expression of sentiments in constructive ways. Constant practice in dancing our emotions brings about authentic and appropriate bodily expression as we go about our daily activities.

After a movement exercise where participants were encouraged to dance their emotions, a nun came up to me with her beautiful 60-plus year-old face beaming with newfound energy and joy. She related how she had held back emotions because of her vocation and how liberating it was for her to physically express all the years of suppression.

Angry? Try shadow boxing to Prodigy's music. Feeling sexy today? Try belly dancing. Sad? Emote to that song that allows you to welcome and befriend your sadness.

Ofel Santos, an alternative holistic therapy practitioner for more than 25 years, explains why expressing our hearts is fundamental to total well-being. "When we suppress emotions, our bodies lock up energetically and structurally. Everything has a rhythm. When unnatural structures like certain social conditioning are placed to contain these natural rhythms, discomfort occurs. Diseases arise from unattended discomforts. Moving the body brings our attention to these discomforts and unlocks these energetic and structural blockages, including those on more subtle emotional levels because the body, the heart and the mind are one."

Pent-up sentiments, whether positive or negative, cause emotional distress. As a consequence, according to body-mind integration principles, emotional diseases that remain ignored over time manifest as physical diseases.

People with lower-back problems may find that they have some fears related to survival issues like financial security. Constipation may signal a problem with attachment and the fear of letting go. Anger and prolonged hatred can result in heart diseases.

To eliminate emotional discomforts, we must first become aware of them. A very effective technique to uncover buried emotions is attentively moving each body part and being a non-judgmental witness of any issue that may surface.

For suspected psychotherapeutic cases, guidance from an experienced facilitator may be necessary. The diagnostic and therapeutic benefits of movement have encouraged counselors and psychologists worldwide to incorporate movement exercises in their treatments.

Stilling the mind

"Movement is an exercise of mindfulness," says Lyvia Martinez, a movement therapist who has been practicing various meditation techniques since 1987. It cultivates the mental qualities of awareness, concentration and insight. Intention and mindful attention transforms any dance into meditation.

As we move, it is important to observe the quality of our thoughts. In her book "You Can Heal your Life," Louis Hay writes that the body is a mirror of our inner thoughts and beliefs. Every cell in our body responds to every single thought we have. Happy, positive and affirming thoughts create empowered bodies while prolonged negative modes of thinking such as self-doubt create poor posture, weak organs, and, at worst, illness.

Whether we move slowly to calm the mind or engage in fast, repetitive steps to train our focus, continuous practice eventually leads to a profound stillness of the mind. A still mind is like calm water that clearly reflects the quality of our thoughts.

Although we may not fully rid ourselves of mental clutter, we can develop a new way of perceiving them—as mere witnesses similar to watching reflections on calm water. Witnessing allows us to discern what is truly important so that we can better choose which thoughts to get involved and identified with. This kind of mental training reaps numerous benefits as we go through our daily grind.

Embracing the environment

As we further explore the dancing path, we may discover ourselves with fellow movers and shakers. Do we cringe or open up when our bodies brush against each other? Do we flow smoothly with unexpected choreography? Do we play the role of the observer, the follower, or the active choreographer? Do we cling or detach when the intuitive dance of energy bodies has found its natural conclusion?

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In the past, dancing with others threatened my personal space. I withdrew from people who attempted interaction by closing my eyes, pretending not to sense their intention, or by changing direction. As my awareness deepened, I realized that my reactions in movement sessions mirrored how I was in the dance of life. For fear of another emotionally abusive relationship, I constantly kept people at an arm's length. To remedy this, I gradually relinquished my fear on the dance floor and welcomed movement interactions without judgment. Soon enough, my openness, acceptance and non-judgment spilled over to my waking life!

Exploring and acting out roles, especially those that are unfamiliar to us, are likewise suggestive of how we unconsciously feel about them. We may discover the same characteristics within us or get encouraged to embody their positive attributes.

Immerse in your perception of the movements of the opposite gender. Imitate childlike movements. Mimic different animals. Burst into a fiery passion. Flow like boundless water. Move alternately between earth and air.

As we progress in our practice, we may find ourselves with greater understanding, respect and love for everything in our environment.

Embodying divinity

Throughout time, people in various spiritual paths have practiced a form of movement meditation in addition to more familiar techniques in order to embody divinity. Among these are Buddhist walking meditation, healing dances of the shaman, spinning of Sufi dervishes, Indian temple dancing, different forms of martial arts, and our very own indigenous Filipino ritual dances. Movement has always been a part of seducing God's spirit into our bodies and communities.

Movement is the most fundamental form of prayer. Coupled with chanting or singing, it becomes the ultimate offering of mind, heart and body to the divine. In an essay in the book "Dance as Religious Studies," Doug Adams writes that Hebrew Scriptures suggest that group dance is normative in worship. Psalms 149:3 "Let them praise his name with dancing" indicates the incorporation of community dancing in worship. Furthermore, Adams suggests that dancing in the Judeo-Christian tradition has been associated with the underlying idea that life is not determined by the past, and bondage to what has been may be shaken off by dancing.

Movement facilitator and crystal healer Riza Regis shares this belief. According to her, moving her body to a space of ecstasy and intoxication with the breath of God wiggles her soul out of the net of karmic patterns that has enslaved her life after life.

Today, there is a renewed interest in movement as a spiritual practice. Experienced movement practitioners recount an indescribable ecstasy, dynamic stillness and an inexplicable closeness to the Divine Source as they dance.

Gabrielle Roth, a noted performance artist and movement therapist, said it beautifully: "To sweat is to pray, to make an offering of your innermost self. Sweat is holy water, prayer beads, pearls of liquid that release your past... the more you dance, the more you sweat. The more you sweat, the more you pray. The more you pray, the closer you come to ecstasy."

Healing the schism

So many of us are not fully present in our own bodies even as we go about our daily tasks. Our minds and hearts are constantly active—looking forward, living backwards, and being everyone else and everywhere else but ourselves, here and now.

Movement Meditation bridges gaps between the body and the mind, the mind and the heart, the ego and the sacred self regardless of age, physical capacity, gender, and other such inherent constraints. It can take different forms—from wild flailing arms to contorted bodies, streaming tears, roaring laughter, and subtle rising and falling as we inhale and exhale.

Even as we sit in stillness, there is movement—our hearts pump, our blood rushes, our breathing relaxes, our souls stir.

Not much is required to start the journey toward the integration of the sacred self through spontaneous movement. Formal dance lessons, fancy wooden dance floors, or dancing partners are not necessary. All we really need are the things that we already have—time, space and a willing body. Our unbridled spirit that never ceases to dance within us even if we don't pay heed will surely take care of the rest.

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INTERACTING with others through spontaneous dance

Seducing the divine through spontaneous dance

- Don something that will not be a constraint to free movement.
- Make a clear intention to surrender your body to meditation. Your intention—whether it's an emotional release, a celebration of the day, an embodied prayer or all of the above—will help you decide on what else to bring into the moment.
- Prepare your sacred space. Fill the space with your intention. An open space free from distraction and with good ventilation is recommended. However, space should not be a reason for abandoning your practice. You may also perform cleansing rituals which involve aromatherapy, bells and prayers. Note that using incense and candles is not highly recommended for your health as these may release harmful pollutants into the air.
- Music is always optional. Choose one that reflects your intention. Do not forget that you may also move in silence. Silence enables our bodies to freely move without the external influence that music may sometimes have.
- Begin with the breath. Use breathing to find your center. From this center, allow your breath to travel all over your body, resting and focusing attention and expanding awareness on the various parts. Remain an active witness to any thought or emotion that surfaces as you do this.
- Slowly, allow your body to move freely, experimenting with various rhythms from flowing to tribal to chaotic and repetitive. You may also incorporate movements from other meditation practices such as tai chi, qi gong, and yoga. Let intuition, not instruction, be your guide.
- Keep safety in mind. At this moment, your body is your guide. Do not push beyond what your body tells you. Follow its pace, using your breath to expand awareness of your body.
- Culminate in dynamic stillness either in a seated or a lying position.

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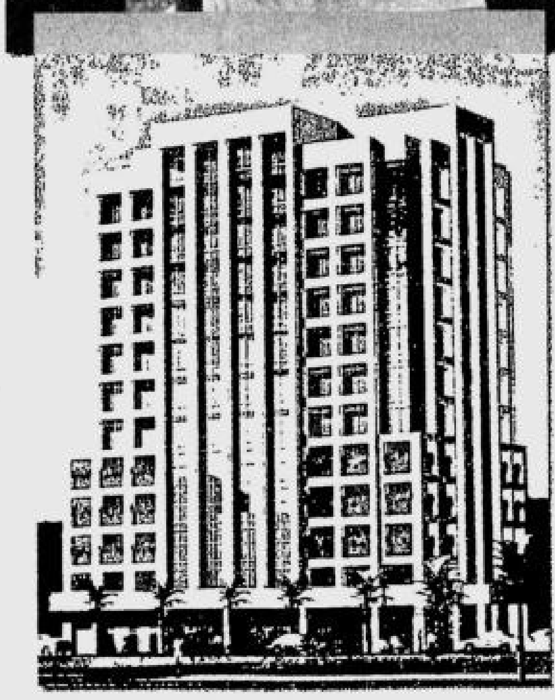

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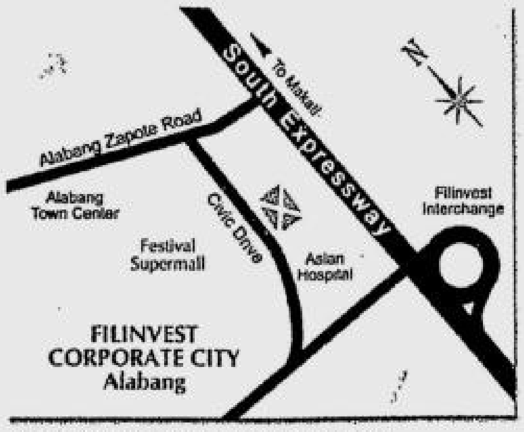

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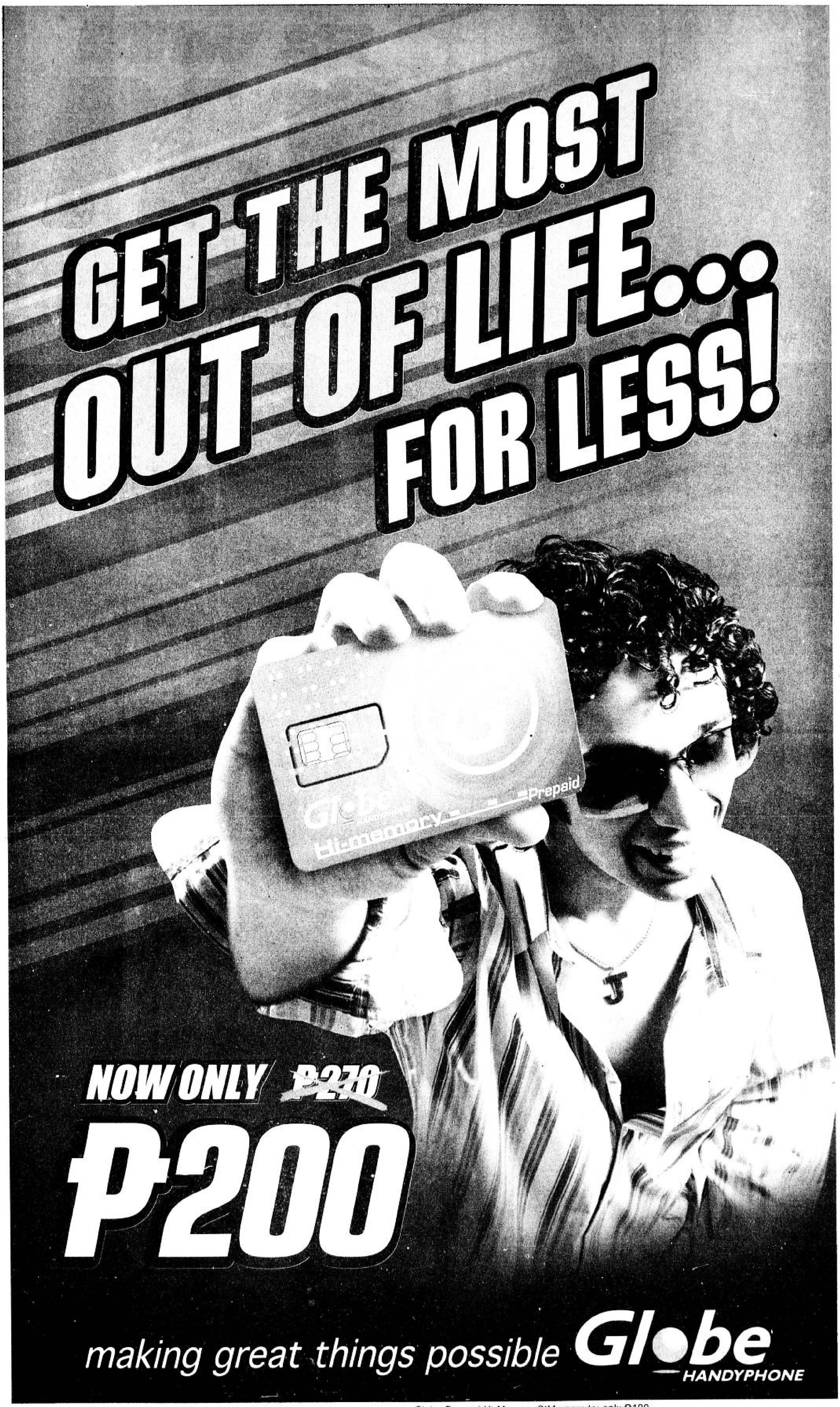
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Anton San Diego

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In this month's Harper's Bazaar, caught espousing the look were Madonna, Kate Hudson, Lillian von Stauffenberg and Stella McCartney.

On local shores, the fashionable ladies I have seen wearing the trench include **Mandy Santos, Tina Ocampo, Mons Tantoco** and **Bea Valdes.** Time to get that look!

The singer to beat—Jose Llana. No one has challenged Martin Nievera and Gary V. as the best male singers in the land. But all that may change with Jose Llana.

Llana is the Broadway star who starred opposite **Lea Salonga** in the musical "Flower Drum Song."

Last Tuesday, he was the special guest at a dinner concert for the benefit of the Philippine Red Cross, and I was blown away by his voice.

It was absolutely effortless, magnificent and breathtaking. He sang Broadway tunes, Filipino songs and, for an encore, **Josh Groban's** "To Where You Are."

He will be coming out with his own CD soon (a definite must-have) of Filipino songs. It will have a duet with **Regine Velasquez** (whom he can match note for note) and an original composition by **Louie**

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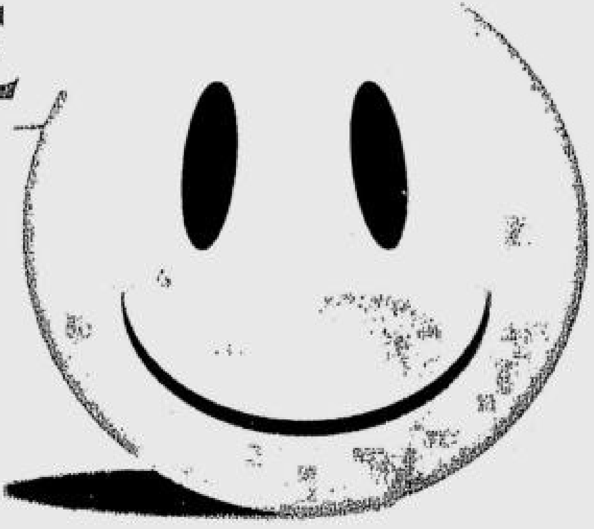

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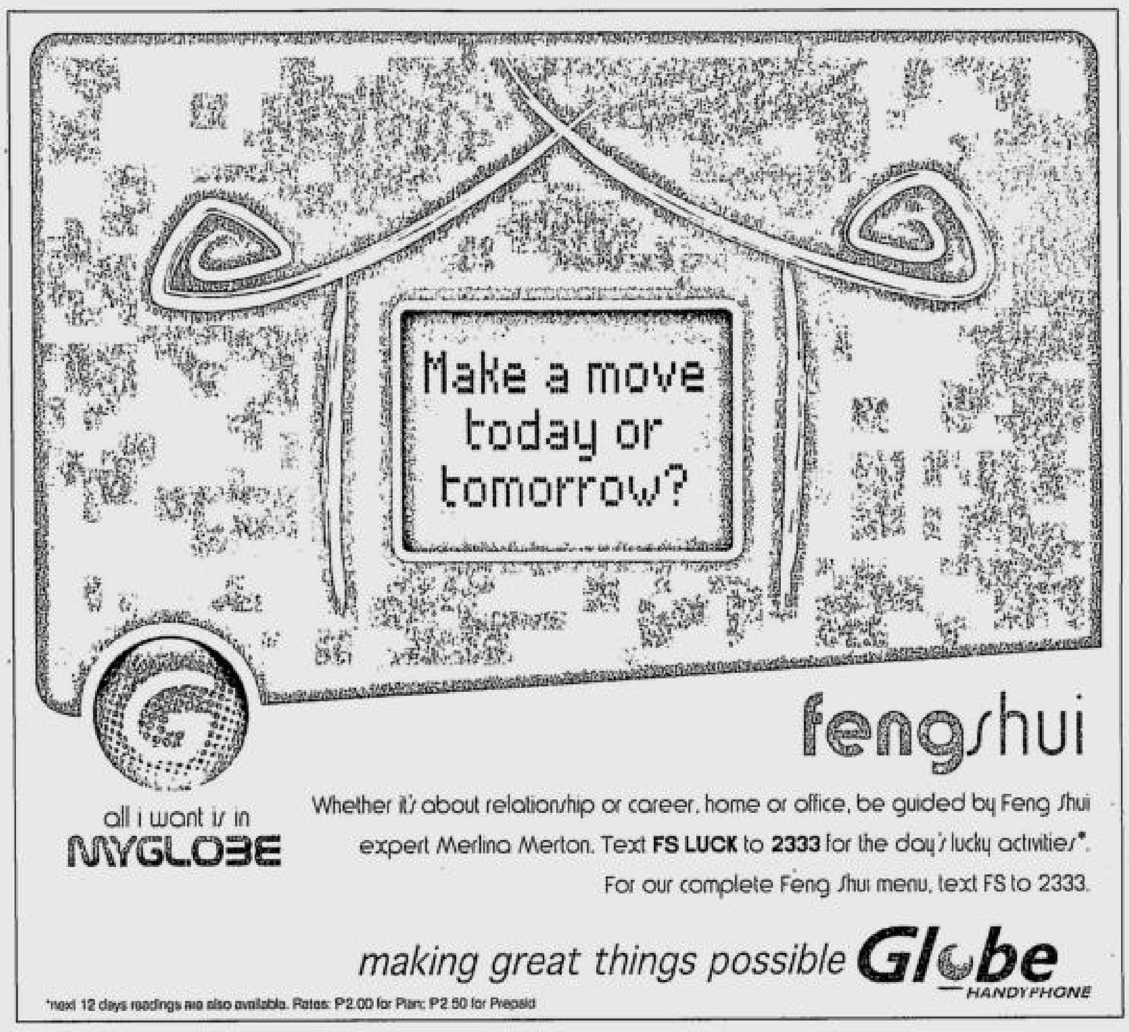

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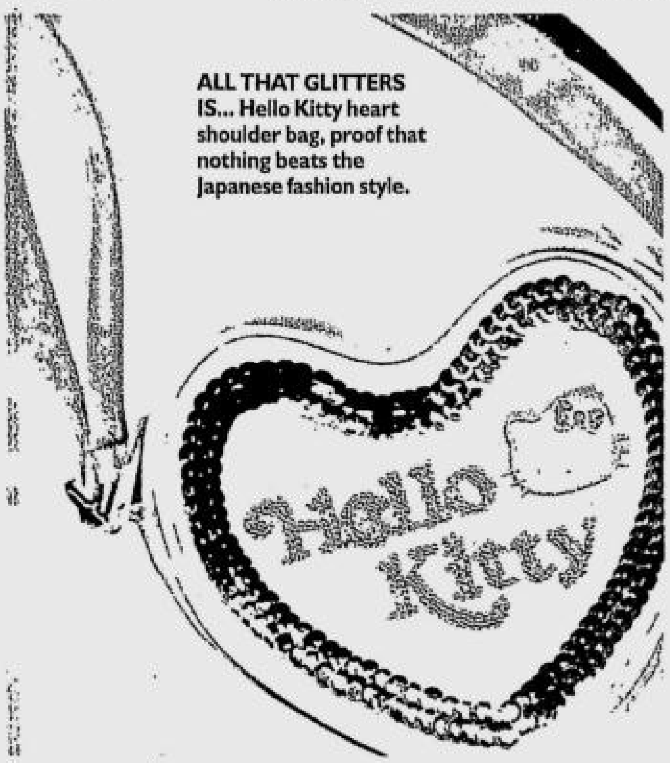

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Hello Kitty goes Flower America

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Inspired by country-style American denim jeans, the Hello Kitty denim shoulder bag, accented with gingham and a stylish stitch motif, is expected to make a splash this summer.

The American spin on Hello Kitty is not new since the fashion brand has impressed the likes of Heatherette designers Richie Rich and Traver Rains.

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Jul. 01, Tues. – CLASSIC PASTA SAUCES. Aglio E Olio (Garlic and Olive Oil), Pesto Alla Genovese Pomodoro e Basilico (Tomato and Basil), Puttanesca, Primavera (Vegetables and Cream), All' Alfredo and Carbonara are distinct Italian pasta sauces Chef Junjun will be demonstrating. For P1,200.00 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. including all ingredients.

Jul. 02, Wed. – PINOY KAKANIN 1. Pinoy Kakanin recipes from Chef David such as Pichi-piching Kamoteng Kahoy, Pichi-piching Green Pinipig, Sapin-sapin, Puto, Puto (Flour) and Kalamay na Kalabasa for P1,000.00 from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. including all ingredients.

Jul. 04, Fri. – CLASSIC PASTA SAUCES 2. Other simple Italian pasta sauces – Chef Junjun demonstrates Amatriciana, Arrabiata, Burro and Pomodoro, Ragu, Vongole and Quattro Formaggi for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

Jul. 05, Sat. – THAI BARBECUE 2. New set of Thai Barbecue from Chef Chanya of Thailand for you to enjoy, recipes include Squid with Coriander Sauce, Shrimp with Pickle Garlic Sauce, Murrel with Grilled Tomato Sauce, Beef with Spicy Sauce and Green Mango with Peanut Salad. From 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for P1,200.00 including all ingredients.

Jul. 06, Sun. – SEAFOOD FUSION. Exciting east-west seafood dishes originally created by Chef Gene Gonzalez for special dinners that are memorable to palate and pocket like Lapu-lapu in Spicy Cracker Nut Garlic Sauce, Prawns in Shrimp Essence and Light Curry Sauce with Mango, Shrimps on Toast with Mango Salsa and Roasted Seabass with Five-Spice Butter and Fried Leeks. For P1,000.00 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. Recipes include all ingredients.

Jul. 07, Mon. – SPOON DESSERTS 2. Easy and Appetizing desserts, the sequel to the popular dessert class of Chef Junjun that is recommended for everyone, housewives, caterers and food service owners. Recipes include Pavlova with Lemon Curd, Dalandan Crème Caramel, Coffee Icebox Cake, Pannacotta with Santol Preserve, Better Than Sex and English Trifle for P1,500.00 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. including all ingredients

Jul. 08, Tues. – EASY THAI FISH AND SEAFOOD DISHES. Easy Thai fish and seafood dishes from Chef Chanya that you will surely enjoy to cook for your family and friends, the recipes are Mixed Seafood in Banana Cup, Steam Squid with Sour Chili, Clams with Basil Chili Sauce, Crabmeat Fried Rice and Shrimp Salad with Green Mango for P1,200.00 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. including all ingredients. NEW CLASS.

Jul. 09, Wed. – BARBECUE AND MARINADES 1. This is the class everyone will enjoy. Comfort food and pinoy favorites for all meals. Chef Junjun teaches homestyle marination and barbecuing with Beef Tapa Pork Tocino, Chicken Inasal, Inihaw na Pork Spareribs and Longganisang Hubad with different sidings to match. Recipes include ingredients for P1,500.00 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jul. 10, Thurs. – SPANISH ENTERTAINING MEAL 2. Learn the secrets of Spanish cuisine from Betina Legarda of Gourmet's Palate, the recipes are Galician Soup Specialty, Tuna-Stuffed Mussels, Sausages with Sweet Figs, Spinach Puree with Pinenuts and Potato Swirls, Squid in Black Ink Sauce and Delicious Porkloin with Mixed Herb for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jul. 11, Fri. – THAI DESSERTS. All-time Thai favorites from Chef Chanya for everyone to learn, the recipes are Sticky Rice with Mango, Pumpkin Custard, Pandan Chewy Strings with Crispy Rice, Taro Balls with Buko and Fried Banana with Sesame Seed for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jul. 12, Sat. – PINOY KAKANIN 2. For the 2nd part of Pinoy kakanin, let Chef David teach us Moron, Tibok-tibok, Kutsinta, Maja Ube, Kalamay na Malagkit, Palitao and Bibingkang Malagkit for P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Jul. 13, Sun. – SIMPLE AND EASY FISH DISHES. Simple and easy fish dishes from Chef David such as Assam Curried Pampano, Sizzling Bangus Nuggets, Sisig, Kinilaw na Likod ng Bangus, Sole Meuniere with Hazelnut Butter, Smoked Tilapia Tom Yam, Steamed Apahap Fillet with Chinese Ham and Mushrooms and Cod Fish Teriyaki from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. for P1,000.00 including all ingredients

Jul. 14, Sun. – PINOY STEWS. More homecooking from Chef Junjun, make classic sauces great with rice for the whole family to enjoy. Recipes include Beef Stew Supreme, Pinatisang Short Ribs, Estofadong Pata, ToyoBa #2, Monggo and Chorizo Stew and Mechadong Navotas for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 15, Tues. – COMMERCIAL BREADS. Learn bread-making with Chef Anna Baluyot (Pastry Chef and Cake Designer) the recipes of Pan de Sal, Ensaimada, Pan de Sal na Putok, Pan de Limon, Malolos Eggpan de Sal and Kamote or Ube Bread from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. including all ingredients for P1,500.00

Jul. 16, Wed. – EASY NO BAKE DESSERTS: REFRIGERATED PIES. Easy dessert concoctions for everyone to enjoy. No ovens required. Chef Junjun will teach you the following desserts with assorted pie crusts: Espresso Coffee Pie, Strawberry Cheesecake, Roasted Almond Semifreddo with Italian Crust, Nutella Cream Pie, Chocolate Butterscotch Pie and Banana Caramel Tart for P1,500.00 with all the ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jul. 17, Thurs. – PASTA IN A FLASH 2. Another 8 quick, easy and delightful pasta recipes in one short period. Recipes include Porcini with Cambozola Sauce, Roasted Walnut Gorgonzola Sauce, Truffle Scented Liver Sauce, Seafood with Hazelnut Butter Sauce, Porcini with Truffle Cream, Chicken and Shrimp Pesto and two (2) more recipes from Chef Gino. For P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jul. 18, Thurs. – SPECIAL EVERYDAY MEALS 4. Chef Gino is meant to put a smile on every person seated on the table for all the recipes he will be sharing with us. Recipes include Cream of Spinach Soup, Corn, Asparagus and Green Salad, Fish fillet al Caparas, Meatloaf with Pan Gravy and Pannacotta with Honey for P1,200.00, all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m

Jul. 19, Sat. – THE GREEK TABLE. If rich food is too much for your palette here's a good break for the season. Recipes include Chick Pea Dip, Roasted Eggplant Puree, Saracen Salad, Yogurt-Cucumber Relish, Chicken with Dried Lemon, Lamb Souvlaki and Phyllo with Honey and Cheese. P1,000.00 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Jul. 20, Sun. – GIFTS FROM THE KITCHEN. Chef Gene prepares an array of Holiday gifts your friends will appreciate and that are easy to prepare in the shortest possible time. Classic favourites such as Vela de Lomo, Gourmet Tuyo, Grilled White Cheese, Aceitunas Aliñadas, Dulong in Olive oil, Mufuletta and many more. P880.00 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. Recipes include all ingredients.

Jul. 21, Mon. – SPECIAL EVERYDAY MEALS 5 French Onion Soup, Frito Misto, Salmon Fillet en Papilotte, Breaded Veal Cutlet and No Sweat Tiramisu are the recipes that Chef Gino will teach us. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,200.00 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Jul. 22, Tues. – TRADITIONAL CAKES AND PASTRIES. Old-Time favorites for everyone to enjoy, Chef Junjun shares with you Blueberry Cheesecake, Brunn Butter Cake, Prune Cake, Rosemary Cake, Peach Charlotte and Engaño Bobo for P1,500.00 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. with all the ingredients. NEW CLASS

Jul. 23, Wed. – CHEESECAKES: WITH A DIFFERENCE. Chef Adoree Chong Uy will present new ways to prepare cheesecakes. Recipes include Ube Mousse Cheesecake, Langka Cheesecake, Mango Cheesecake, Dalandan Curd Cheesecake, Pandan Cheesecake and Green Tea Cheesecake for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jul. 24, Thurs. – BAKED ITALIAN PASTAS. Canneloni, Lasagne Pasticciata, Baked Seafood Penne in Tomato Cream Sauce, Spinach Lasagne, 3 Sausage Broil, Chicken-Mushroom-Asparagus Macaroni are tempting baked pasta creations that Chef Junjun will teach you. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,500.00 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jul. 25, Fri. – SUMPTUOUS SALMON 2. Let Chef Gino teach you 8 unique and tasty ways to cooking Salmon that can be used in catering or for simple entertaining. Recipes include Salmon Head Red Curry with Coconut Milk, Salmon Teriyaki with Wasabi Mayonnaise, Salmon Meuniere with Kani Sarada Gratin, Salmon Cheesecake, Coulibiac of Salmon, Smoked Salmon with Shrimp Dumpling for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jul. 26, Sat. – SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE 1. Let Ms. Marianne de Leon, the cookbook author and culinary demonstrator treat you to her no fuss entertainment meal such as Siomai, Binakol, Pinaputok na Isda, Gulay na Ubod, Pancit Hab-hab and a special dessert for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

Jul. 27, Sun. – SAUSAGE WORKSHOP 3. New sets of sausages from Chef Gene like Asturian Chorizo Chinese White Sausage, Fresh Cheese Sausage (Krainer type), Longganisang Vigan, Lemon Chicken Sausage, Fresh Sulzwurst, Adobo Sausage and English Bangers. The workshop includes introductory set such as funnel, prague powder and accord powder for P880.00 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

Jul. 28, Mon. –SIMPLE PATE, CONFIT AND TERRINES. Chef's Terrine, Chicken Liver Pate with Pistachio Nuts, Duck Confit, Pork Rillettes, Salmon Terrine, Onion Jam and Ginger Confit are recipes from Chef Gene that you can make and give as present for the coming holidays. P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jul. 30, Wed. – SIMPLE CHINESE MEAL FOR THE HOME 1. Learn exotic flavors and delicious meals with just stir-fry method from Chef Gene's travel collection. Recipes include Black Sauce Spareribs, Three Colored Eggs, Steamed Crabs with Eggs, Oyster Omelet with Fermented Bean Curd, Spicy Dry Chicken Curry and Salted Fish and Chicken Fried Rice for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jul. 31, Thurs. – SPANISH ENTERTAINING MEAL 3. Discover the joys of Spanish food with Chef Betina of Gourmet's Palate, the recipes include Baby Eels in Garlic, Roasted Vegetables Salad Compote, Poorman's Potato Casserole, Grilled Fresh Tuna on Marinated Tomato, Lamb B.B.Q. Served with Sweet Potatoes and Air Puffs with Sweet Syrup for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Aug. 01, Fri. – NO FEAR BAKING. Baking has never been easier. Experience is not needed, just good listening and observing skills. Results are very delicious. The recipes are 7-UP Pound Cake, Easy Pineapple Cake with Cream Cheese Icing, Chocolate Difference using Ready-Mix, Lemon and Mandarin Orange Cake Grand Slam Brownies and Apple Bars for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m

Aug. 02, Sat. – THE CRAB IS KING 3. Recipes such as Steamed Custard Crab, Chili Oyster Crabs, Pineapple Crab Curry, Crab in A1 Sauce and Spicy Red Style Curry (Thai Style) from Chef Gene for P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 9:00 – 12:00 noon

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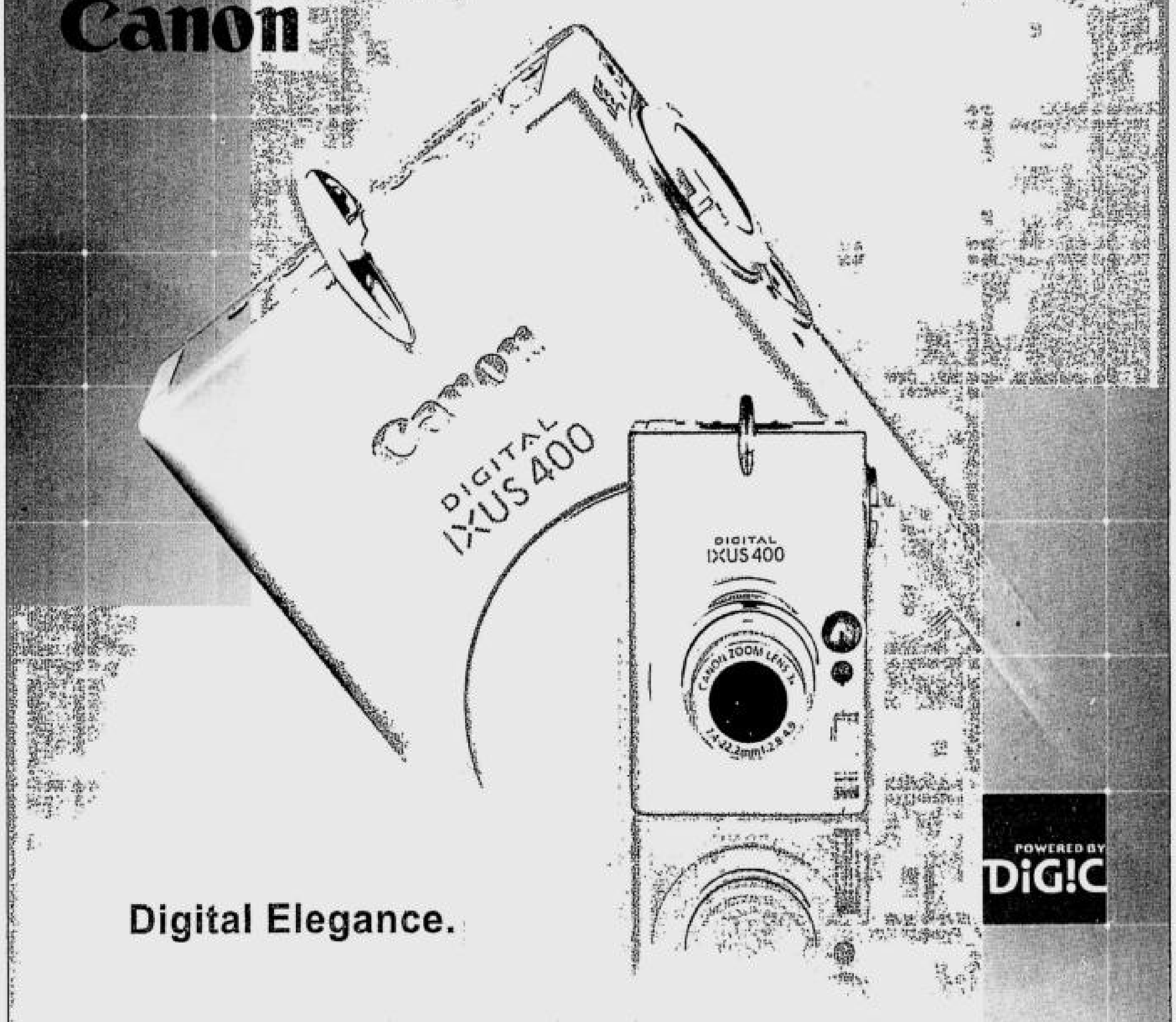

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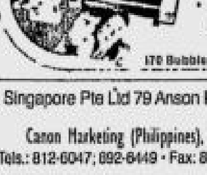

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Wearing the trench look, looking like Beckham, and hurrah-ing the Hulk

From page F1

HOT, hot singer Jose Llana. Note for note, the best Filipino singer today.

Ocampo.

Llana has several upcoming concerts, one being his homecoming concert on July 1, at the Philippine Plaza (call 757-3002 for ticket inquiries). If you are looking for a singer of world-class caliber that's Filipino to boot, you can't miss this one!

Wear it like Beckham. Here's a major look for Spring/Summer 2004 from Dolce e Gabbana, which will be a runway hit! It's an ode to style-savvy, good-looking football player **David Beckham.**

In his native UK, Beckham is considered a god, and his move to Real Madrid will make him a bigger star than he already is.

"The Hulk." I caught the latest superhero movie, "The Hulk," and although people warned me that it was not good, I enjoyed myself immensely.

Why? For the first time, they showed that this superhero was no wimp and really flexed all his muscles. I used to collect X-Men comics as a child and was really amazed at their powers—how Cyclops could pulverize a mountain or Storm defeat giant robots. But in the X-Men movies they look so weak and helpless.

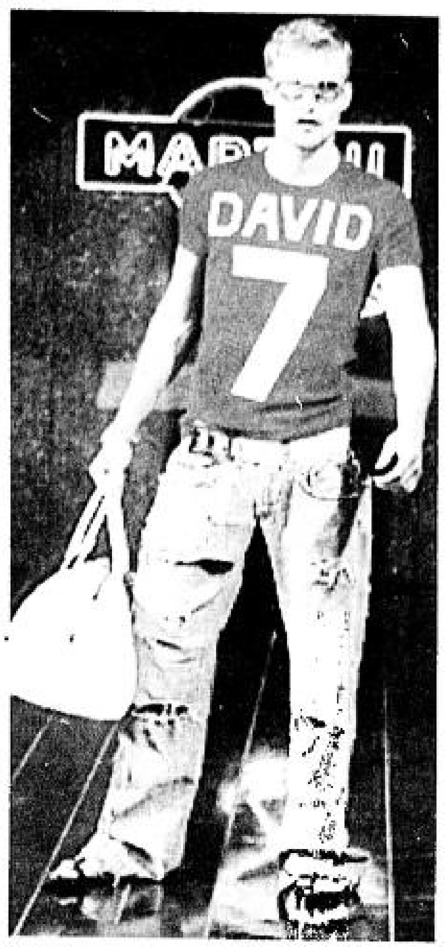
But the Hulk is really cool in the movie, which shows that he has power!

As a side note, there was this really obnoxious couple at my back who kept annotating each scene as if they were sports commentators: "*O nakita mo iyon, lumalaki siya 'no?*" or "*Bakit hindi nasisira yung pantalon ng Hulk?*"

My stares were not enough to make them shut up, so I finally said, "Do you mind? I am trying to watch!"

I realized that in a quiet and hushed atmosphere like the movie theater's, to muster the nerve to get angry at someone was so stressful. Well, can you believe, those inconsiderate people answered back and said, "We are just commenting about the movie!"

Wow, I really wanted to turn into the Hulk—I felt my blood boil and heart go from 96 to 500 beats a minute. I told them, "Well, you can comment quietly, you know!"



IDOLIZE David Beckham? You can now even look like him.

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Thank God they left, or I really would have turned green myself.

Must-go-to lifestyle store: Kish. I stopped by one of my favorite places to shop, hang around and ogle at—Kish at the Greenbelt Mall—and they have a great exhibition featuring the designs of Archion, the company headed by **Dan Lichauco, Peter Ong** and industrial designer **Gabriel Lichauco.**

As one of the leading trendsetters in home furnishings, Kish has raised the benchmark by asking local artists **Kiko Escora, Raymund Isaac** and **Ernest Santiago** to come up with unique home furnishings for a show that runs until the end of September.

On the other hand, Archion's designs are innovative and truly world-class! What's great about this event is that it promotes local ingenuity and shows how we are up to par with the rest of the world.

Must-have candles—Diptyque by John Galliano. Scented candles must be one of the best inventions in the world. I would rank it with the invention of electricity, plumbing and the phone.

Seriously, though, in the last 10 years it has really helped give any room or home the right ambience and mood. A friend who lives in Paris told me that **John Galliano,** the designer of Christian Dior, is creating his own scent for Diptyque. Now, this will be a welcome addition to any well-appointed home.

Smile therapy. I have been wanting to write this piece for quite a while but have managed to put it off until now. Although we are not completely out of SARS and the Iraq War (Is Saddam really alive?), the threats have somewhat been contained.

What does that mean? Well, it's time to start smiling and change the seeming "hip" indifference and "apathy chic" prevalent in times of epidemics and wars. It's time to be enthusiastic again (once the domain of the tragically uncool) about life, work, love.

We really have to come to terms with the fact that life will never be always what we want it to be. We will always have problems (think finances, traffic and politicians who do not do their jobs), but they should not stop us from celebrating life.

I hope you do not think I am trivializing the world's crises or your personal problems. But it's time to move on and start enjoying life. And it starts with a smile (check out photo)!

Welcome home, Maurice! Two weeks ago, I wrote about my dear friend **Maurice Arcache,** and I got a lot of e-mail and calls asking what happened to him.

Well, I just want to clarify that he is not sick; he was in limbo in another paper. The good news for all of those who love his column, humor, irreverence and the totality of Maurice is that he is back—and now writing for this paper starting July 1.

There is no one who can match Maurice as Manila's social arbiter. I am glad he is back in the INQUIRER. As one fantastic lady told him, "Welcome home!"

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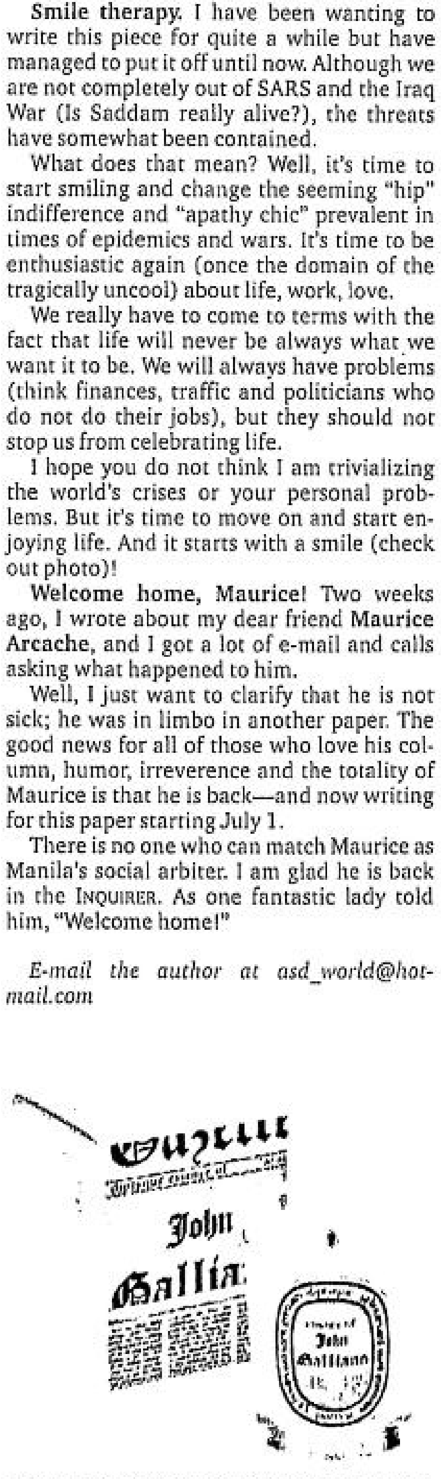
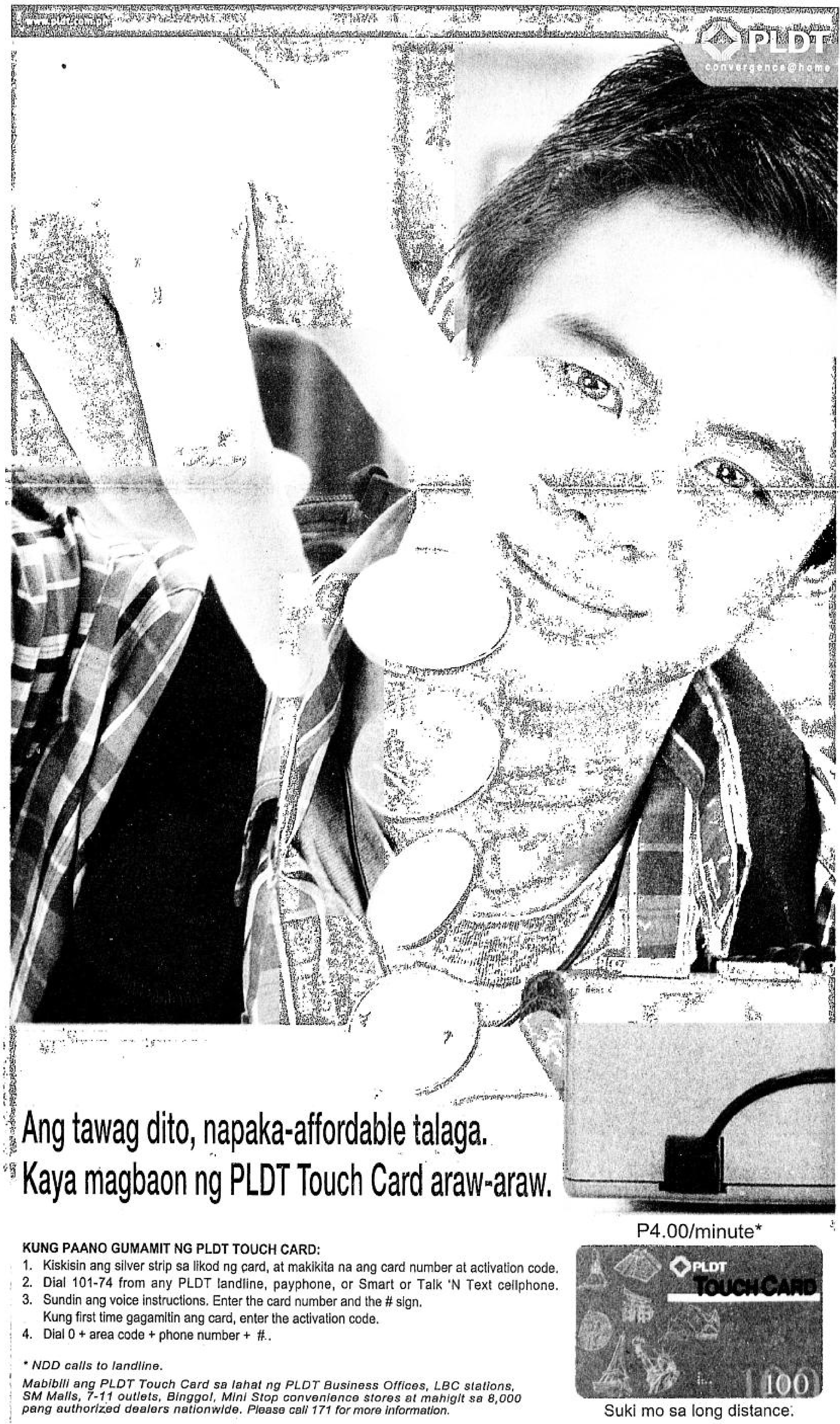


DESIGNER SCENT. John Galliano candles by Diptyque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How to be a domestic *goddess*

By Kitty Go
Contributor

UNFORTUNATELY, this is not going to be an article on Nigella Lawson's bestseller, "How to be a Domestic Goddess," a British version of Martha Stewart style torture for the kitchen. (I love reading this book in the bathroom where I do most of my dreaming.) What I seek to do is release your inner goddess for everyday life in a miserable city amid the heat and traffic, the crying children, the irascible husband and the help who make you feel more helpless than ever. In other words, with a confident mindset and fashion, you can create for yourself, a life less ordinary.

I received a lot of mail after the INQUIRER published "My Fall from Fabulousness," mostly saying how it made them laugh but just as

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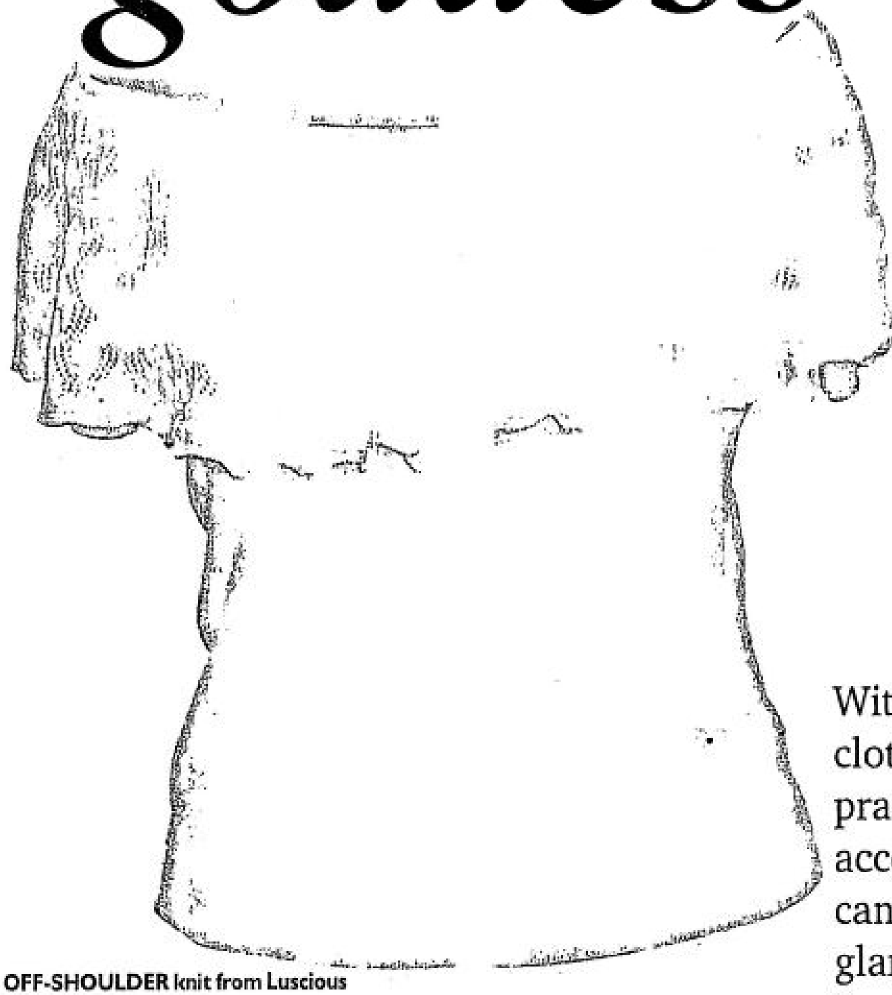
SEXY black ruched top and off-white shorts from Mosaic



OFF-SHOULDER knit from Luscious

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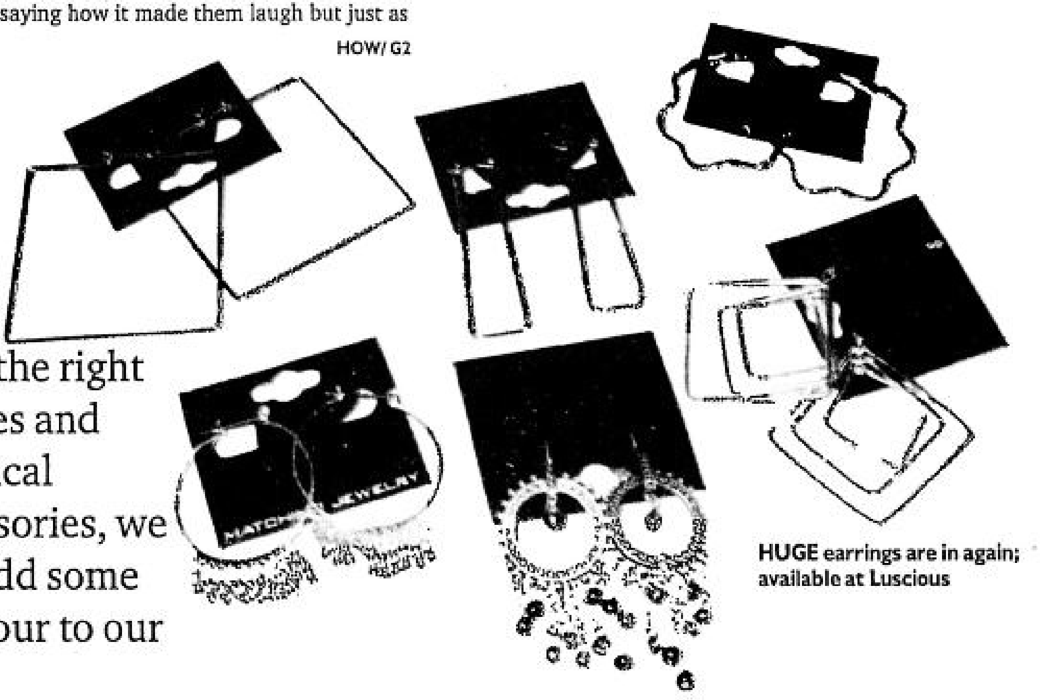

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How to be a domestic goddess

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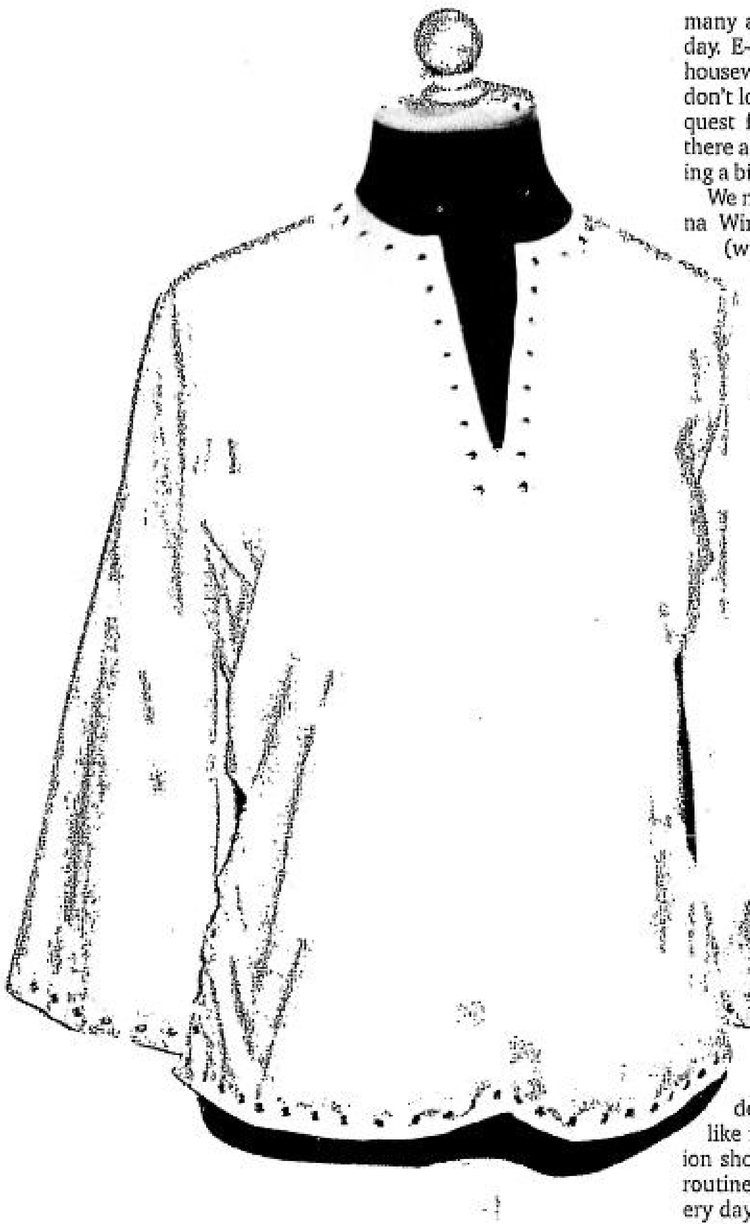


KHAKI cotton top with grommets

many asking how they could look fab every day. E-mails would begin with "I am just a housewife but..." or "I just had a baby and don't look that great but..." But what? In the quest for the achievement of fabulousness, there are no "buts." But there are ways of hiding a big butt.

We may not be goddesses in the likes of Anna Wintour, Nicole Kidman or Diana Ross (when not slapping a policeman or customs officer), who opened the Gucci-sponsored "Goddess" exhibit ongoing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City until Aug. 3. In a world where the only red carpet we get to sashay on is that of a Chinese restaurant, there is no reason people could not worship the ground we walk on every day.

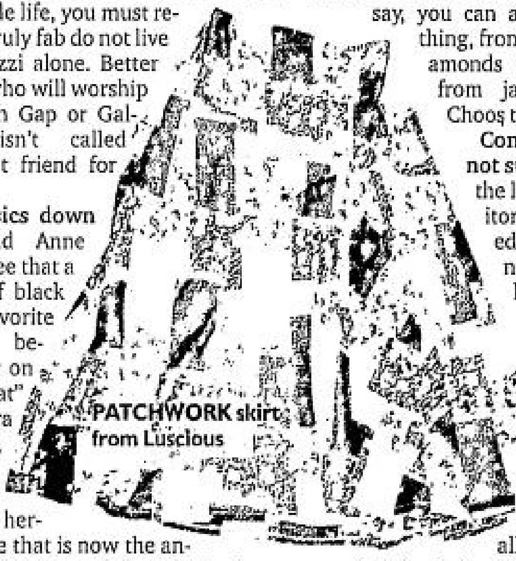
It is almost impossible for us to channel our inner "It" girl when the only thing "with it" about our lives is when we look at our closets and think "I have to get on with it..The ironing, that is." However, with the right clothes and practical accessories, we can add some glamour to our lives.

Anne Marie Robicheau-Saguil of Mosaic (Power Plant Mall, Makati, tel. 898-2035; Robinsons Galleria, tel. 632-7718; SM Pampanga, tel. [045] 963351) summarizes the need to look great despite an ordinary life: "Most people, like me, do not have gala events and fashion shows to go to as part of their everyday routine. But feeling special or fashionable every day is what all women aspire to precisely so that they don't suffer the fall from fabulousness."

Tara Santos of the plus-sized store Luscious (upper level of Goldcrest building, Ayala Center, tel. 892-3885) says, "The only tip to being special is to like what you are wearing, feel comfortable and confident in it, then [looking special] will show." This is easier said than done but the tips below should help you become a goddess in your own world. To lead a truly fashionable life, you must remember: The truly fab do not live for the paparazzi alone. Better yet, get a dog who will worship you whether in Gap or Galliano. He isn't called (wo)man's best friend for nothin'!

HOBO bags in denim and nylon from Mosaic

Get the basics down pat. Tara and Anne Marie both agree that a reliable pair of black pants is a favorite any day and becomes a savior on particularly "fat" days. Tara should know, being a fashionable plus-sized woman herself with a store that is now the answer to every large-size fashionista's chant. Aside from a great-fitting pair of black pants, she recommends a black skirt, a suit in a basic color, a reliable black dress and shirts in black and white. From here, as all fashion advisers say, you can accessorize with everything, from the most expensive diamonds to plastic bracelets or from jade encrusted Jimmy Choos to flipflops.



PATCHWORK skirt from Luscious

Constantly update but do not submit. Diana Vreeland, the late American Vogue editor in chief, is often quoted, "Elegance is refusal." I never understood that line until I encountered clothes that weren't "me." Not ugly, mind you, just things I would not be comfortable in. Tara says, "You must remember that you do not have to follow what is 'in' all the time. As long as you feel that it looks good on you, go ahead and wear it. Being fashionable really depends

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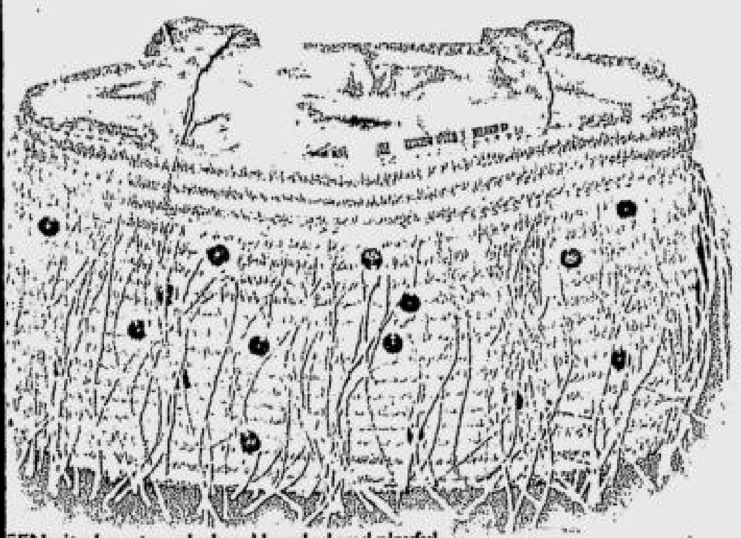

EEN nito bag, tasseled and beaded and playful

WOMEN can't survive on basics alone so bolster your wardrobe with Mosaic's trendy feminine tops and go-everywhere denim capri pants

WHITE knit matched with black panel pants, necklace by Lillibeth Fernandez for Luscious

ne's personal style."

ıne Marie believes that "one cannot sur- on basics alone" and suggests trendy tops ıstantly and inexpensively update your lrobe. Someone more fashion-forward l choose Mosaic's feminine and sexy tie- babydolls or ruched Victorian-inspired ses. However, a jeans-and-T-shirt woman l get an updated T-shirt with three-quar- ength sleeves and a flattering lace-up line.

you're not lovin' prints, try color. Anne e likes to incorporate seasonal prints in wardrobe and her store carries summer s ideally worn with white bottoms. She understand that Filipinas generally shy from prints. "Most people are afraid of s and still stick to solids. This is fine, of se, as long as they experiment with new s to freshen up their look," she advises.

you love it, style will come. Personally, I w the Isaac Mizrahi school of fashion re he believes in buying what you love eventually you will find an occasion and to wear it. This does not mean buying a rto Cavalli leopard, floral and stripe hwork dress to wear to the dentist for a canal. But it could mean a pair of leopard rs, which are stylish but not too distract- hat he extracts a porcelain molar instead impacted tooth.

you don't work, at least make your ac- ories do. Although Anne Marie swears by ic's hobo bags in denim and nylon, Rorie rlos, associate fashion editor of Preview azine, says there is no ideal everyday bag depending on a person's taste and yle, there are many to be had at every point, from foldable nylon carryalls by champ and Le Sportsac (both at Rustan's) to colorful daytime totes and Vanessa Bruno knockoffs at T (Greenbelt and Power Plant). Or if you'd rather the real pricey and trendy Vanessa Brunos, you can get them at Itsie-bitsie in Malate. Carbon (at Greenbelt and Shangri-La Plaza) carries modern and sleek leather bags that working mothers will find useful.

It goes without saying that heels instantly dress up anything and don't need to be saved for dressy occasions. Try pairing chinos or cargo pants with a crew neck tee and see if you don't feel sexier and look thinner.

Make a face. Looking great is all about polish. But clothes alone do not provide the entire package. There's grooming, which involves torturous sessions of hairstyling, nail care, pulling of all sorts and waxing that makes the phrase "suffering for beauty" an understatement. Then there is makeup, which sadly gets used either as a weapon of mass destruction or an area where only the most faceless of us dare to tread.

Agoo Bengzon, beauty editor of Preview magazine, suggests starting with a good cleanser such as Shu Uemura's Cleansing Oil, which removes everything in one go, including waterproof mascara. A dual-purpose toner like Estee Lauder's Optimizer cools the face and increases the efficacy of other skin products like moisturizer and eye cream. "Don't forget to apply an SPF product on the entire face," Agoo advises. "Shu Uemura's Total Defender is easily absorbed and you can apply makeup immediately afterward."

She also recommends L'Occitane's Shea Butter as a great lip balm among its multiple uses. I personally swear by this product as one of the only three beauty products my husband (who may become an ex- after the trip) is allowing me to bring on my dreaded trip aboard the unglamorous Siberian Express (think Dr. Zhivago minus Julie Christie, Omar Shariff, the soundtrack and heating in a wooden boxcar traveling from China to Russia).

I asked Agoo for the speediest makeup routine in the world and she recommends the following: Use Bobbi Brown's Foundation Stick as base because it glides on quickly and smoothly, is portable and spill proof plus it doubles as a concealer. Smashbox's Infrared Stick can be used on cheeks for a subtle rosy glow and on lips for a just-bitten look. A loose powder like Clinique's Gentle Light not only sets makeup but also has a slight shimmer that adds enough radiance for day. Curl lashes with an eyelash curler and top lashes with long-wearing mascara such as Max Factor's Lashfinity.

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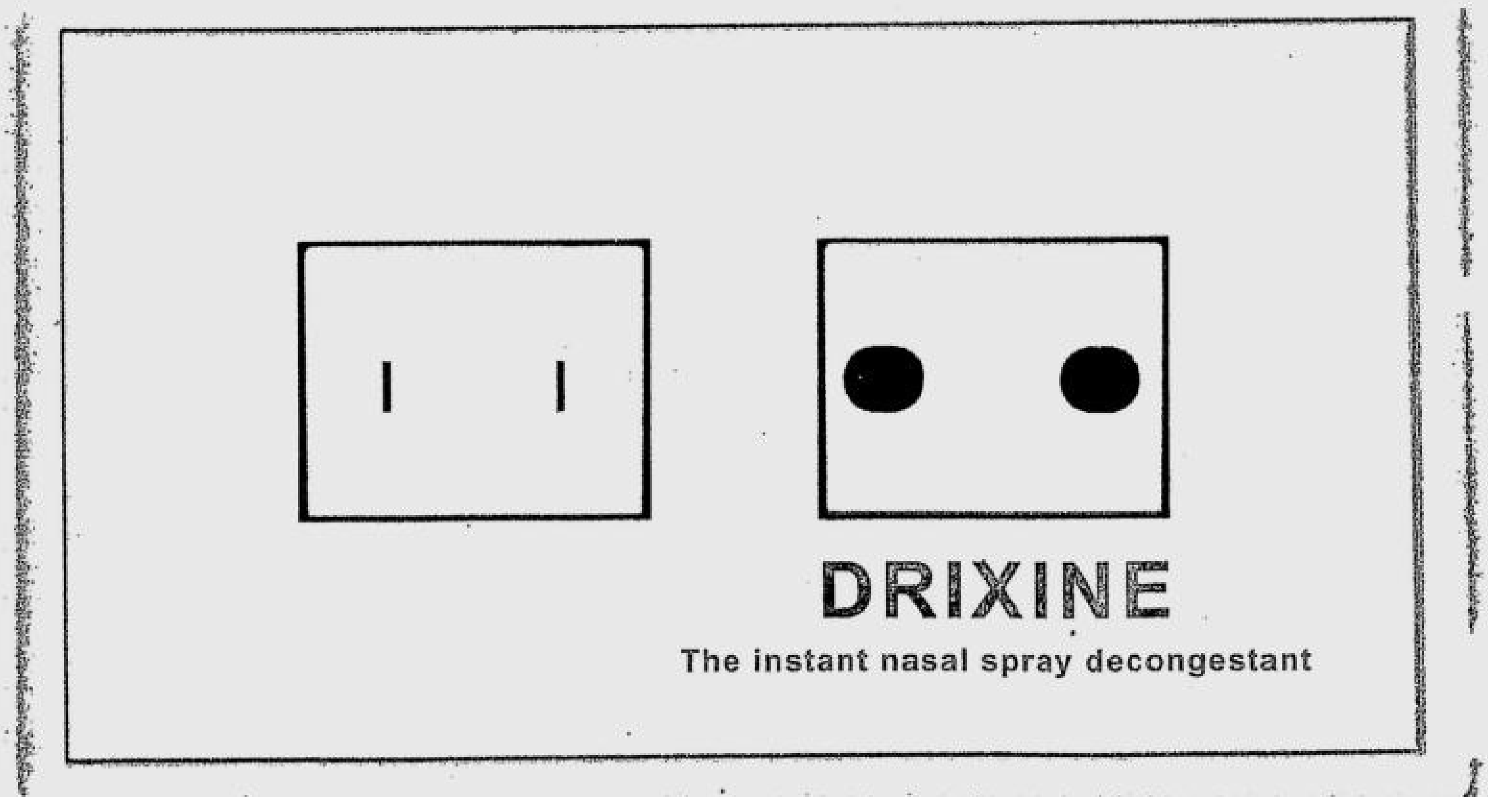
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Loyalty program offers rewards to wholesale customers

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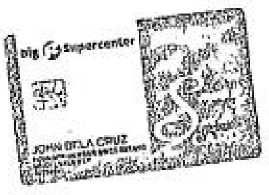
"However, it is our firm belief that wholesale will inevitably be the backbone of the total retail industry, once education of consumers on its practicality is complete. This is why we have made it our mission to grow our business further by developing various wholesale programs."

One of these programs is Big R Supercenter's newest offering, the Super Sulit Card.

"Super Sulit is a customer loyalty program that is primarily targeted to wholesale customers, though it will likewise be open to retail customers," explained Lorna Tamayo, marketing services manager.



SUPER Sulit Card, your pass to the great shopping privileges of being a Big R shopper

"Our plan for Super Sulit is to make it more exciting, accessible and convenient than other programs. With the proliferation of customer loyalty programs inside and outside the retail industry, we need to make sure that we have something more to offer," she said.

Big R is making it easy for customers to be a Super Sulit Cardholder.

"To encourage membership, we will give customers a choice between paying a membership fee of P200 or presenting P10,000 worth of receipts within a three-month period, starting June 1. That's it. No other documents needed. They get an instant Super Sulit Card!" said Tamayo.

Upon sign-up, new members immediately get a bonus of 50 points. Both cash and credit purchases are eligible for points. Every P100 worth of cash or P200 worth of credit purchases of participating products earns the customer one point.

THE BIG R team with two of its top customers

The Super Sulit Program uses the latest technology to ensure its efficiency.

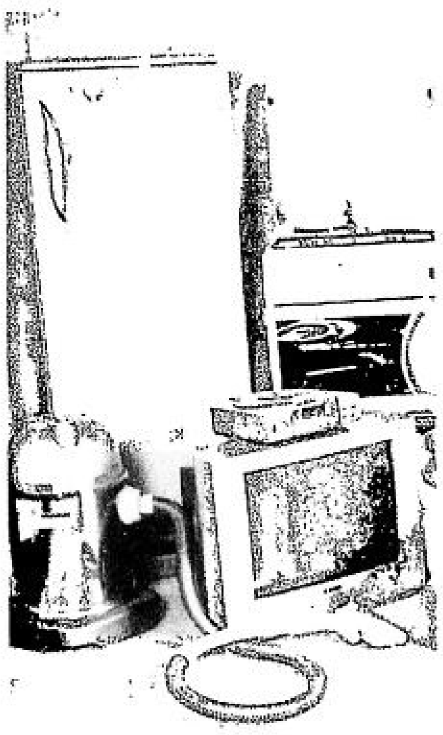
"Instead of taking the usual magnetic strip route, we went for the smart card system. We want our customers to have a high-capacity card that will allow for automatic, instant and more detailed systems update. Our wholesalers have regular buying habits, therefore we want to make it more convenient for them to keep track of their points. The smart card would mean that they wouldn't have to wait for written notices or pre-verification before they could claim their rewards," said Yu.

Under Big R's overall customer loyalty program, redemption schemes will vary every quarter. "One quarter it could be a discounting scheme, the next it could be a rebate scheme," said Tamayo.

In fact, Big R is mounting such a rewards scheme from July 1-Sept. 30, where cardholders, depending on the number of points they have accumulated from purchases of participating products, can redeem their points for appliances that range from a blender to a 7-cu. ft. refrigerator.

Big R will be offering these participating products at additional discounts or bundling promos to encourage more customer purchases.

"We made sure that the participating products in the customer loyalty program are fast-moving consumer goods, which our wholesalers usually buy, so that earning points will be easy and so that customers will always find excitement in shopping at Big R," Tamayo said.



JUST some of the rewards you can get from the Super Sulit Card

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THE PHILIPPINE Academic Center for Enrichment and Self-Actualization or Paces Inc. will be conducting reading comprehension and creative writing classes for children aged 6-14.

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Children's social skills will also be enhanced. They will learn to express themselves better and to have self-confidence.

Classes will be kept small and held in fully air-conditioned classrooms.

They will be held every Saturday starting July 5-Sept. 6. There will be 10 two-hour sessions. Schedule of classes follows:

Morning—9-11: Grades 1 and 2 (ages 6-8); 9-11: Grades 3 and 4 (ages 8-10)

Afternoon—1:30-3:30: Grades 3 and 4 (ages 8-10); 1:30-3:30: Grades 5, 6 and 7 (ages 11-14).

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CHERYL and Anthony Ballreich

Weddings and more weddings

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Jaime Picornell

WED at the Cebu Cathedral on a Saturday afternoon were **Cheryl Villarin** and **Anthony Ballreich**. She is the daughter of **Florencio** and **Juliet Villarin**; he is the son of **Pongsak Hiranpruck** of Thailand and **Carol Ballreich Hiranpruck**.

Sponsors were headed by Thailand's Ambassador to the Philippines, **Busba Bunnag**, escorted by **Jose Ng**, who represents the Thai Royal Ministry of Trade in Cebu.

The reception that followed was held at the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel, transformed for the occasion into an exotic garden.

Cheryl and Anthony Ballreich left for Thailand on their honeymoon. On their return, she went back to her job at the Marriott, and he to running the two excellent restaurants offering Thai cuisine at its best—Krua Thai, one in Crossroads (Cebu City) and another in Magellan's Landing (Lapu-Lapu City).

Giselle Jane Ong and **Duane Stanley Tan** chose June 1 for their wedding, held at 3 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish. She is the daughter of **Juan** and **Carlota Ong** (née Tanchan); he is the son of **Felipe** and **Elizabeth Tan**.

The reception was in the evening, at 7:30 p.m., with guests asked to come in "strictly formal" attire. One of the biggest receptions ever, it was held at the Grand Convention Center of Cebu, with Carlota personally choosing the menu from the cuisine of the Grand Majestic.

Another grand wedding was that of **Liza Co** to **Clark Gothong** on June 12 at the Sacred Heart Parish. She is the daughter of Mr. and Ms **Anthony Co Jr**; he is the son of Mr. and Ms **Bowen Gothong**.

The reception was at the Pacific grand ballroom of the Waterfront Hotel (Cebu City). The newlyweds went to Europe for their honeymoon.

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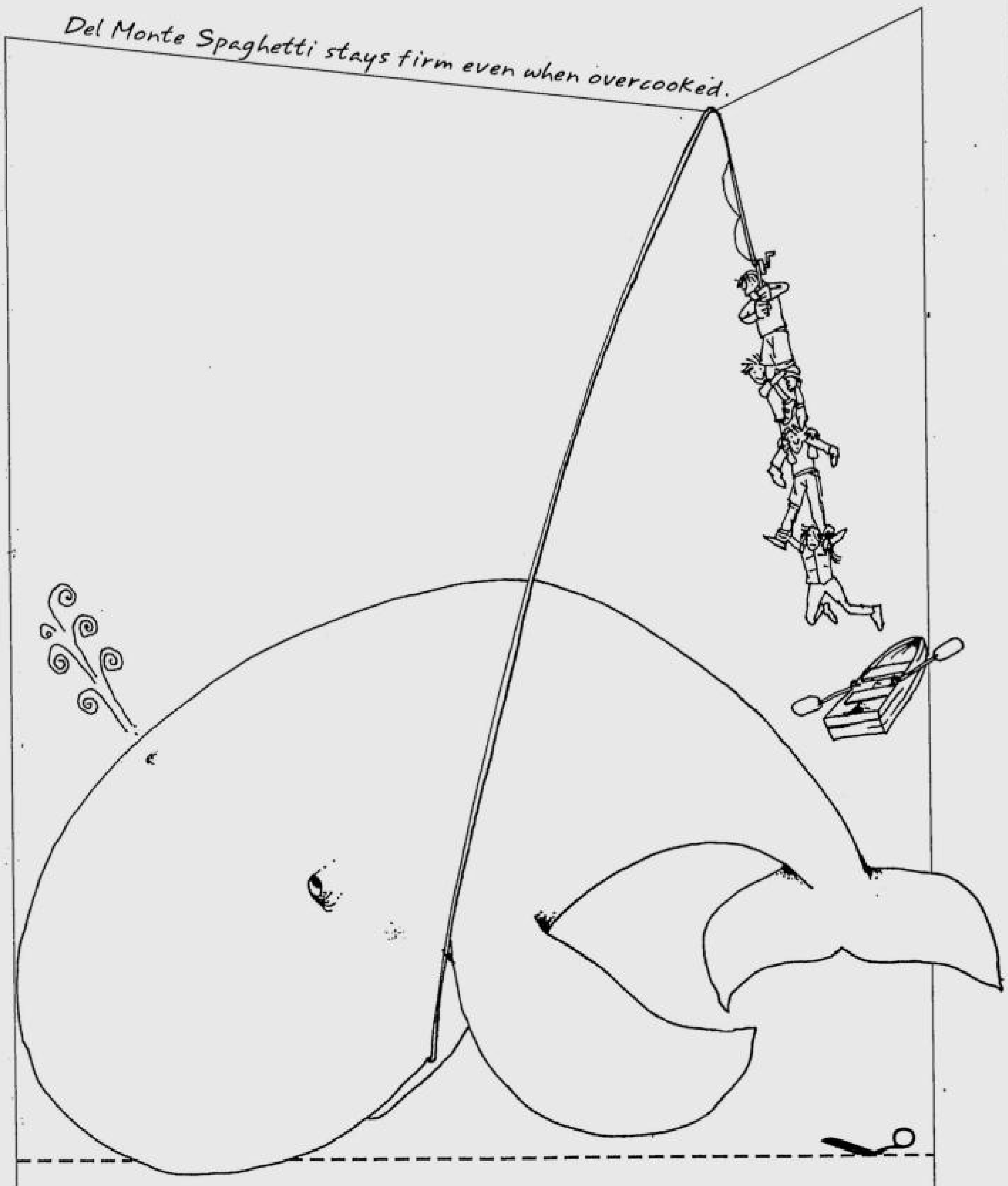
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1 large tinapa, fried and flaked
1 hard-boiled egg, shelled and chopped
2 stalks green onions, chopped

1. Sauté garlic in oil. Add DEL MONTE Spaghetti Sauce and 1/4 cup water. Simmer for 5 minutes.
2. Blend with DEL MONTE Spaghetti, half of chicharon and half of tinapa. Place on serving platter. Top with eggs, green onions, remaining chicharon and tinapa.

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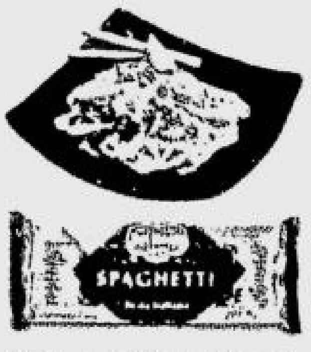

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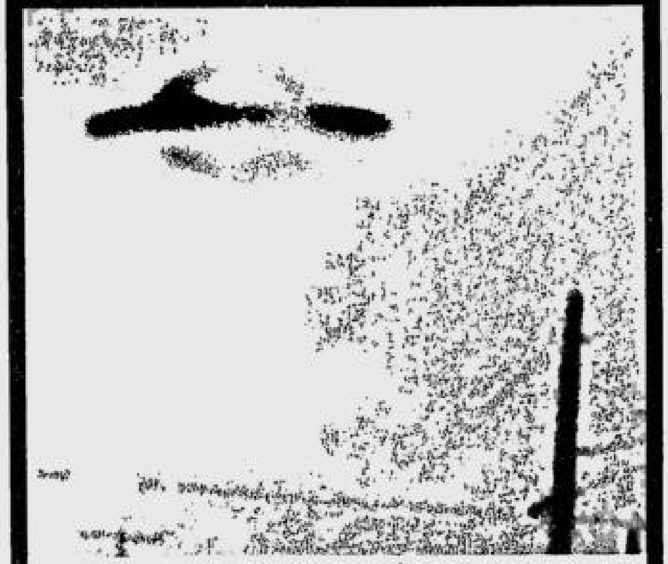

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Religious Sisters of Mercy care for the sick and poor in Lanao del Norte

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DESPITE the armed conflict going on between government forces and the MILF in Lanao del Norte, the Religious Sisters of Mercy continue to spread their charism in far-flung places like Tubod, Lala and Salvador, where the Isuzu Mobile Clinic with its medical team reaches to take care of sick indigent patients.

Many of the patients are Muslims, a group that comprises a third of the population of the province.

Patients needing surgical and dental care are brought to Mercy Community Hospital in Iligan City, which is under the medical directorship of Sr. Rose Palacio, RSM, who is also the regional coordinator of the Religious Sisters of the Mercy of the Americas in the Philippine region.

Before the hospital was built, the Sisters were only using the Mercy Mobile Clinic to go to remote barrios in Mindanao. It is a work of mercy and love dispensed by these nuns who consider both Muslims and Christians as deserving of help, especially if they are poor.

But the work doesn't stop there. In Iligan City, the nuns manage the McAuley Center, which opens its doors to abandoned, exploited and abused children and young women who are victims of rape and whose families are in crisis.

They have also put up a livelihood project in Tambacan, Iligan City, for an organized group of women called "Bangon Kababaihan."

In Alicia, Zamboanga del Sur, and Pagadian City, the nuns are engaged in community-based health programs, an alternative program for the poor. They also extend help in education, cooperatives, ecology projects and dialogues for peace with tribes in other places of Zamboanga and Misamis Occidental.

In Tubod, Lanao del Norte, the Mercy Junior College serves approximately a thousand students from middle- and low-income families. Sister Lourdes Arcenas, sister of Rose Arcenas-Ong, is the principal of the school.

It was Rose who gave me information on what the nuns do, including their work at the Makati Medical Center, where they are seen in their white-and-blue habits with veils shaped like coronets.

The order of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Americas was founded by Catherine McAuley, who was inspired by the beatitude "Happy are the merciful, for God's own compassionate love will make them 'just' or holy in His eyes."

Cathedral needs help

"Mercy" refers to that sense of compassion, that profound attitude of love capable of pouring itself out in works of justice.

"It is, in fact, the 'feeling partner' of justice," according to Rose Ong, who has her own apostolate—fundraising to finance the reconstruction of St. Anthony de Padua Cathedral in Masbate.

Since it launched Project Cathedral Wings in June last year, the Diocese of Masbate has continued to raise funds to reconstruct the cathedral under the leadership of Bishop Joel Baylon. The wings of the church are being extended to accommodate more people who come for Masses.

The Metrobank Masbate branch, under manager Rolando Resembrana and assistant manager Teofilo Tambago, recently gave a donation to the bishop, a sizable amount that would go a long way for the church's improvement.

Those who wish to help can send their donations to Bishop Joel Baylon, St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral, Masbate, Masbate. Please make checks payable to Project Cathedral Wings.

International Catholic Renewal

Teofilo Rustia is bringing charismatic leaders to the International Catholic Renewal Convention in Rome on Sept. 20.

The event is scheduled to be held at Castel Gandolfo. The itinerary includes San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael Shrine in Foggia and Lanciano.

The trip can be extended to Portugal, Spain and France. Those interested can call Catholic Travel or text Elenita Grande at 0916-3452793.

Trip to Medjugorje

Fr. Arnold Boehme, a Carmelite priest who gives healing at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Broadway, QC every first Tuesday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, will be the chaplain for the forthcoming trip to Medjugorje on Sept. 9-21.

Organized by Arpex Travel, the pilgrimage will arrive in Paris and proceed to Lisieux for Mass at the Carmelite Convent and a visit to the home of St. Therese in Alencon, then will return to Paris for dinner and an overnight stay.

The following morning, it will leave for Vienna and then to Saravejo, where pilgrims will take the bus to Medjugorje. En route, the Rosary will be said, following MIR Radio which will lead the Rosary in Croatian.

Upon arrival in Medjugorje, pilgrims will be dropped off at St. James Church for Mass.

The itinerary also includes Lourdes, France, then back to Paris, where pilgrims can visit the Miraculous Medal Church and the Sacre Coure.

For details, call Alice or Chit at 525-3883/3902.

Bishop Portillo helps

Bishop Alvaro del Portillo, who succeeded St. Josémaria Escriva when the latter died in 1975, is not yet a "servant of God." His cause for beatification has not begun, but he is already helping people who pray to him.

I found this out myself when Vicky Echauz, an Opus Dei sumernumerary, handed me a prayer card one day and asked me to pray to Bishop Portillo for my financial needs. And he did help.

Bishop Portillo was born in Madrid, Spain on, Mar. 11, 1914, the third of eight children, from a deeply Christian family. He had doctorates in Civil Engineering, Philosophy and Canon Law.

In 1935, he joined Opus Dei and worked closely with Msgr. Escriva, who founded the religious group on Oct. 2, 1928.

> Their work of mercy and love considers both Muslims and Christians as deserving of help, especially if they are poor

SR. Ma. Lourdes Arcenas, RSM, principal, Mercy Junior College in Tubod, Lanao del Norte

Portillo was ordained priest on June 25, 1944. In 1946, he moved to Rome with Msgr. Escriva, and was elected first successor of Msgr. Escriva on Sept. 15, 1975.

When Pope John Paul II ordained Opus Dei as a personal prelature on Nov. 28, 1982, he appointed Bishop Portillo as its prelate on Jan. 6, 1991.

Early in the morning of Mar. 23, 1994, a few hours after his return from the Holy Land, Bishop Portillo was finally called by the Lord.

Those who experience his help may write to the Prelature of Opus Dei, Office of the Causes of Saints, at No. 20 Sampaguita St. corner Balete Drive 1112, Quezon City.

Please write to the address to request for prayer cards of Bishop Portillo.

Seminarian needs good hearts

A seminarian of the Franciscans of Our Lady of the Poor is asking for help so he could finish his studies for the priesthood.

Please write to Fray Wisdom Art Galera, FLP, at 700 Sapphire St., Greenheights Subd., San Bartolome, Novaliches 1116, Quezon City.

Thank you for your kindness.

Remembering Ernie Evora Sioco

Friends and colleagues of Ernie Evora Sioco gathered at Magallanes Church Parish Center to celebrate the 10th anniversary of her death last June 14.

Organized by her niece Tinkay and Mod editor Cynthia Santiago, the event gathered friends like Robert Borja, DeeDee Siytangco, cousin Donnie Ramirez, and others. Msgr. Ernesto Cruz, parish priest of Magallanes Church, said the Mass.

It was a time for reminiscing the past, when Ernie was still Mod editor. The group always remembers Ernie as kind and helpful to people, never saying "no" to requests for help.

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

Today is the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. The town of Sorsogon is celebrating this feast in the cathedral dedicated to these two great saints.

Edith Nicolas, who manages Lewis College in Sorsogon, reminded me about the town fiesta.

The last time I was in Sorsogon was in 1993, when Barge Ramos and I attended the ordination of Fr. Dennis Legaspi. It is a beautiful town.

Priest needs kidney transplant

Fr. Alberto Villosillo, 32, of Milagros, Masbate will have a kidney transplant on July 3, with his sister as donor. The diocese and friends are raising funds.

Please help by texting 0916-5572375 or Masbate Chancery at (056) 333-2202.

Marian seminar

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Girlfriend has found another man

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

My girlfriend is separated from her husband and has a four-year-old son, but I have accepted all that because I love her and I am sure she loves me. I dreamt of the three of us being a family, though not soon, because of the legalities involved and because I am not yet financially stable.

Our 2½-year relationship ended last month. Three weeks before that, during a vacation with her friends, she met another man. In fairness to her, she formally broke up with me before she said yes to the guy.

All the same, I feel betrayed. The only thing that guy has over me is that he is ready to have a family with her and her son. But didn't she swear that I'd be the only man she'd ever love?

That, and the fact that she was my first girlfriend, make it difficult for me to move on. But I'm trying, though I wish she'd come back to me someday.

ALVIN

Perhaps she had not really betrayed you. You probably still have a very special place in her heart.

But she's more than a heart—she has herself and her son and their future to think of. Love by itself does not put food on the table and clothes on their back, or pay the rent.

Life and love are two entirely different things. But because this is your first relationship, you are unaware of the difference. For someone like her, who has been married, separated, and a single parent, the difference is clear.

That, of course, raises the possibility that she chose the other man for his money. Maybe she did. But I am inclined to look at her kindly because she's been as honorable as possible under the circumstances.

Unlike a two-timing woman, she ended her ties to you before she got involved with the other man. And if he knew about you and her, then perhaps honesty, more than love, was what he asked of her—or what she promised him.

Just keep in mind that women in her situation live a difficult life and have to make difficult decisions that sometimes hurt the very people they love. She didn't mean to betray you. She just had to move on.

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Weddings and more weddings

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Jasmin Jumao-as and **Elmer Quilaton** had a bit of drama for their wedding, held on a Saturday afternoon at the Redemptorist Church. She is the daughter of **Gelacio** and **Raquel Jumao-as**; he is the son of **Elpidio** and **Teresita Quilaton.**

Jiji, as she is called by family and friends, did not march up the aisle in the arm of her dad. She did so alone—a pretty vision in satin, crystal, tulle and diadem. As she approached the altar, her friends, who lined the aisle, then released hundreds of butterflies.

Men were requested to wear "Barong Tagalog," and the reception was a joyous occasion at CAP Center.

JASMIN and Elmer Quilaton

Cebu welcomes HSBC head

HSBC stands for Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, but those initials suffice, most specially if you look for their number on the phone book.

Since late last year, HSBC has had a new CEO based in Manila, **Warner Manning**. He made a quick trip to Cebu and, weeks later, there was a grand bash to introduce him to HSBC's Cebu clients.

It was held at the ballroom of the Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort. Introductions at the reception line were made by HSBC's Cebu branch manager, the personable **Debbie Marie Dy**, assisted by **Nathalie Po** and **Ruan Alino** from the Premier department, plus **Mia Zamora** and **Tess Maribao**.

If the party was a welcome for Mr. Manning, it was also a *despedida* for **Peter Yeates**, the deputy CEO who has since left. The evening was livened up with songs from **Isay Alvarez** and a raffle. The lucky winners were **Jill Uy**, **Annabelle Ang** and **Eric Ng Mendoza.**

JULIE and Warner Manning with Debbie Marie Dy

Warner Manning said he liked Cebu so much that he'd soon be back. True to his word, he returned, this time with his pretty wife **Julie.**

The occasion was a press preview of HSBC's Red Mastercard, an international credit card exclusively for women, and with special concern for the Cebuanas.

The site of the press gathering couldn't have been more plush for a sunny morning—the presidential suite of the Shangri-La in Mactan. Debbie Marie was there, of course, with **Laine Santana**, HSBC's assistant VP for public affairs who has been a frequent visitor in Cebu.

Aissa de la Cruz coordinated the media event splendidly, and was applauded for it by one and all, particularly **Paul Perez** and **Lou de la Pena** of 141. Is that a trendy radio station? I asked, only to be told by Aissa that it is the HSBC ad agency.

They needed no introductions, being Cebu luminaries, but just the same, HSBC presented the three women who best embody its ideals of dynamic personalities who should own the Red card—**Betty Larrazabal Veloso** for Serenity; sportswoman **Amale Mendezona Jopson** for Strength; and **Bunny Ludo** for Style (she does evoke **Audrey Hepburn** in some ways).

No need to introduce **Cory Quirino** either, who was beautifully present, and tasked to lecture on the subject she knows best—wellness, inside or out. She has also achieved what Ponce de Leon never did, finding the fountain of youth. No magic well nor gurgling spring there, just Understanding—to understand yourself first, then others, and to make yourself understood, said Cory.

Mesmerized as they all were, the Cebu journalists followed Cory's instructions to write their main problem (or was it defect?) on a paper, choose among who was nearby, and exchange papers. Then, tear them up! That's when it was whispered that lunch hour was near and we'd have to descend to the ballroom.

Raffle first, announced Aissa. And so the winners were called out. Like the caucus race in Alice's Wonderland, there was a prize for everyone. The first two called were Cebu official beauties **Melanie Ediza** and **Melissa Basubas**, in succession and purely by chance.

More prizes went to **Marvi Gil**, **Honey Loop**, **Jo Magsaysay**, **Nelia Neri**, **Pura Kintanar**, Cebu Daily News' **Bingo Gonzalez** and **Irene Sino Cruz** (foot spas), **Cherry Ann Lim**, **Ina Amor**, **Ehda Dago-oc** and **Mayen Tan.**

Who was not called? the host asked.

Chinggay Utzurrum raised a well-manicured hand. There's something special for you, beamed Shangri-La's PR manager **Neil Rumbaoa**, who came up with an overnight stay for Ching and **Joe**, plus a huge stuffed teddy bear, for being the most "in red" newshen. Remember the little red chicken who outsmarted the wily, bad wolf?

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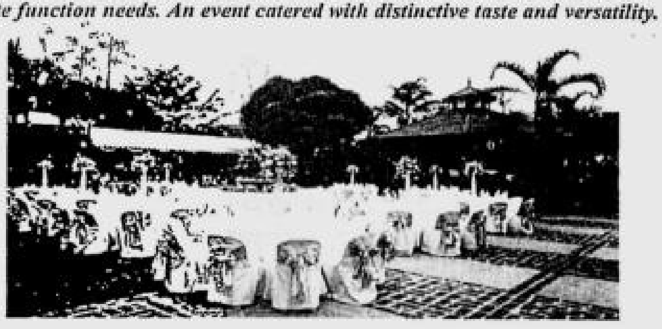

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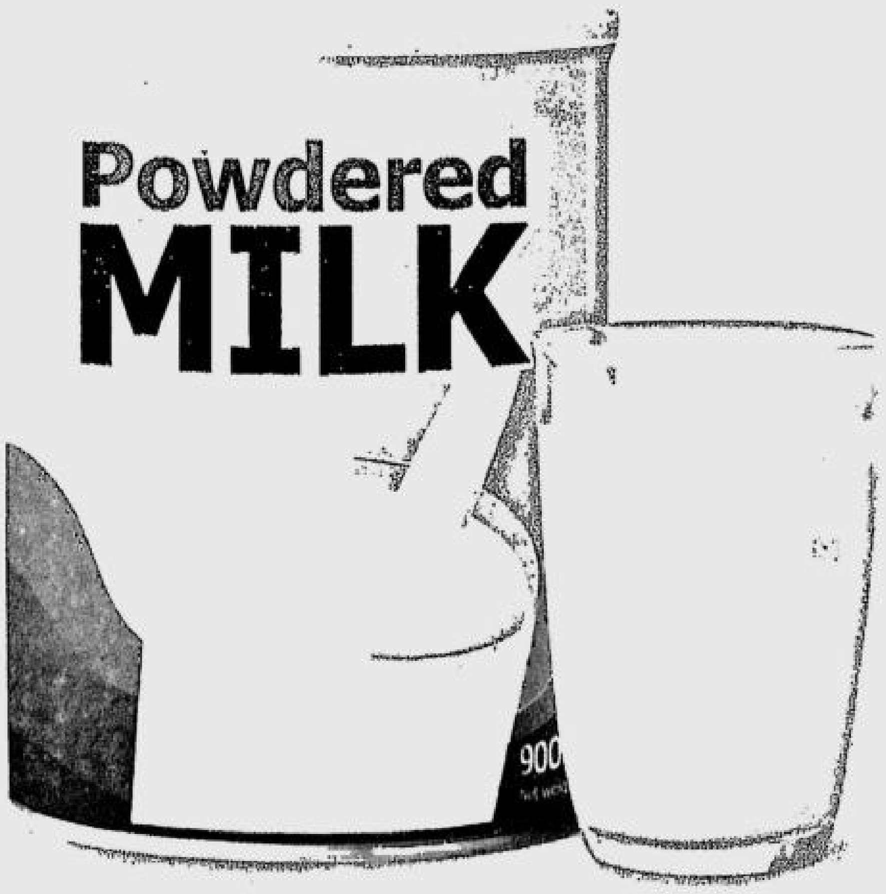

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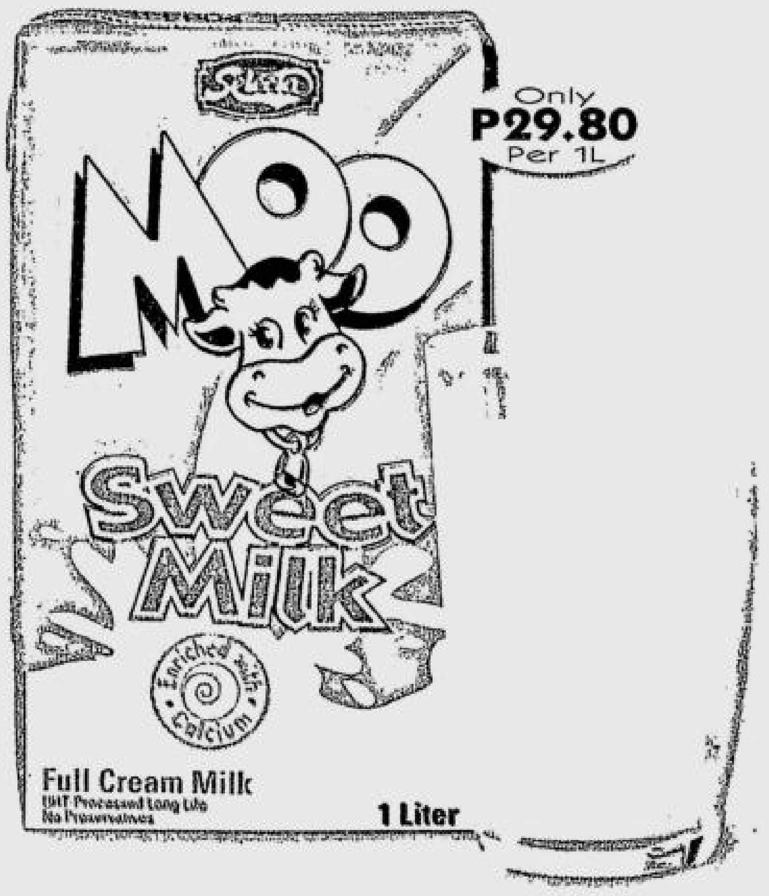

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

A TOAST to nine years of wedded bliss at the Red Cross Ball with Marjo Chua, Maurice Arcache and Irene M. Francisco

High school reunion coming up!

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

LIFE does change drastically after high school.

Everything before that is pretty standard. Everyone has scheduled classes, two-day weekends, and Christmas, Easter and summer breaks. Although grades and after-school activities may vary, life is pretty much centered on family and school. But upon graduation, lives start diverging in whatever direction they choose.

The choice of colleges and courses, or even whether to pursue a degree or not, dictates the path we all take. After college, each of our lives becomes even more distinct from one another. Physical changes are inevitable, of course, but the bigger differences result from the choices we've made.

High school problems that seemed so monumental then are really nothing compared to current life troubles. Quarterly exams, detention, repeating a subject, love quarrels (better known as LQ, though maybe called something else now)—all these are really nothing compared to adult problems and hardships like work, marriage, infidelity, boredom and parenting.

Most amusing

So looking back at generally the most amusing part of one's life is always a pleasant experience, unless of course you were one of those who were miserable and hated in high school.

But attending a high school reunion can be nerve-racking, especially if you are now twice your former size or have much less hair at the top. Seeing old classmates and exchanging stories, however, can keep you talking for hours.

Assumption Class '80 recently held a dinner

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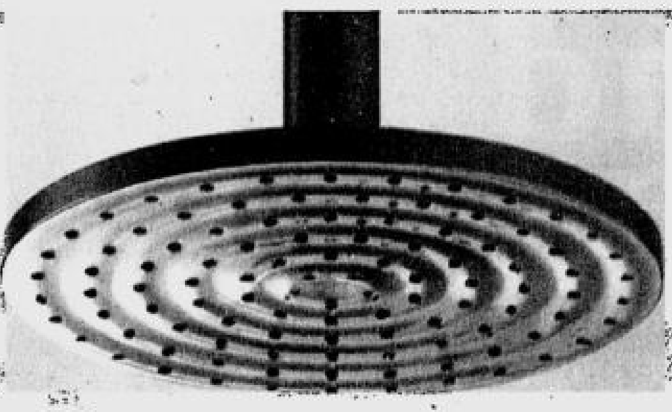

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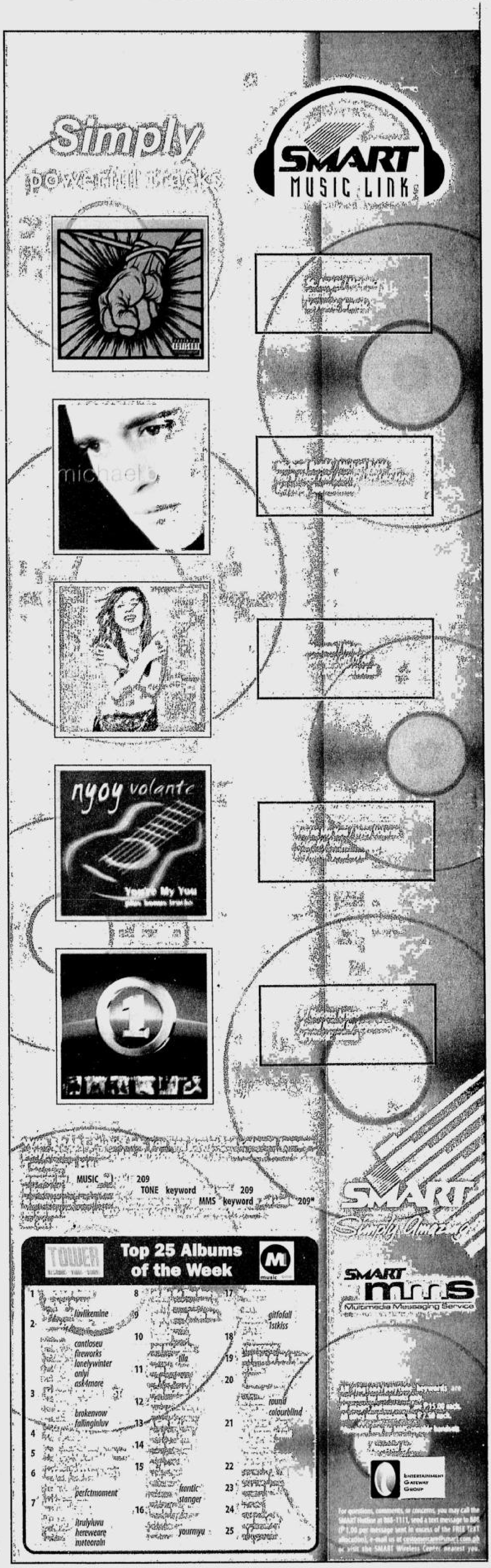

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The Top End down under

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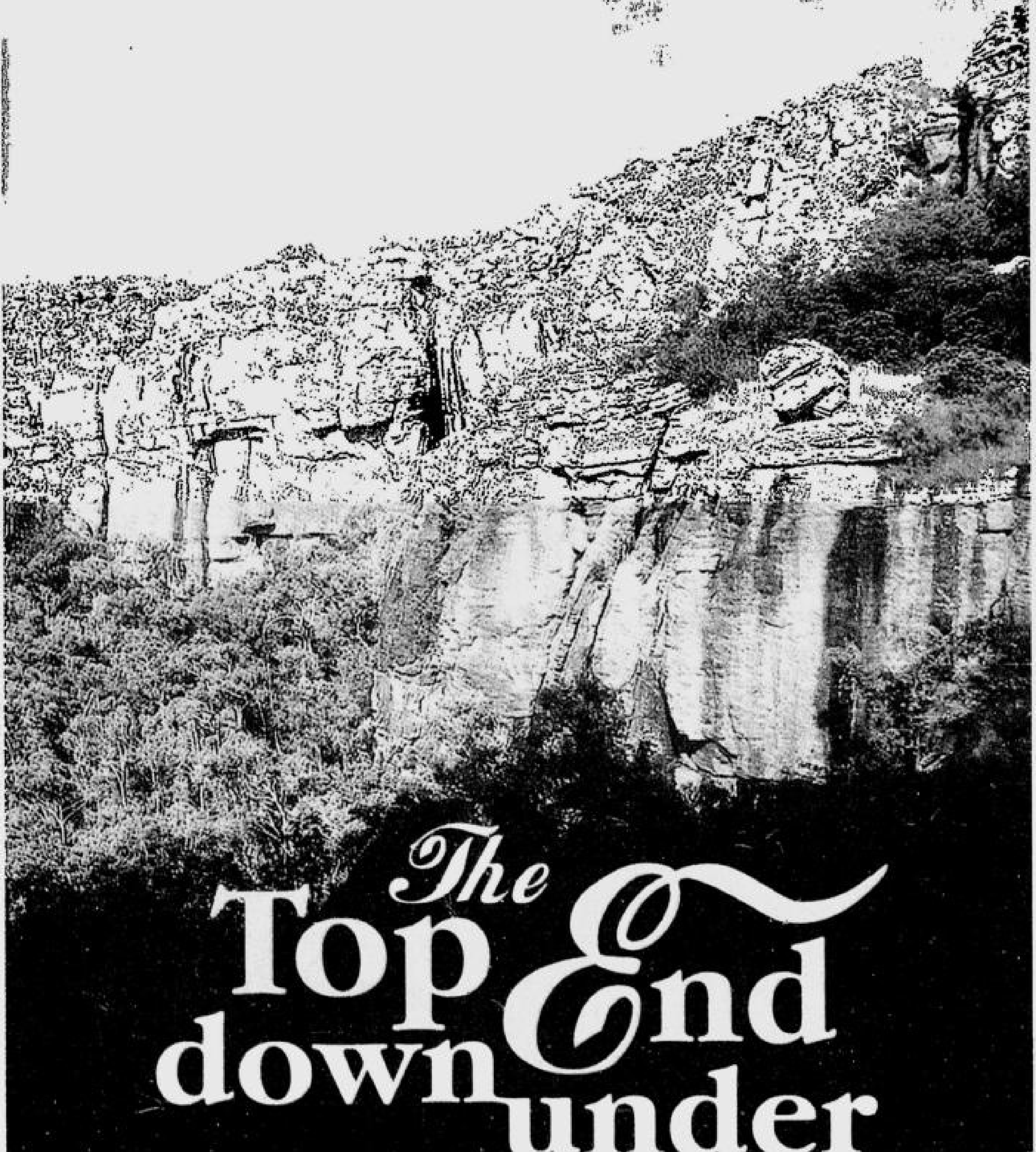


VIEW of Nourlangie Rock from a distance

DARWIN in the Northern Territory—or the Top End, as the Aussies would put it—is as far removed from mainstream Australia as, perhaps, Batanes is from Metro Manila, or Anchorage is from New York City.

And it is also a reminder that Sydney is not Australia, and one cannot claim to have truly visited Australia without having visited its small cities in the Northern and Central Territories.

Which is why we picked Darwin when invited by Qantas Airways to visit a destination of our choice. Few Australians who live in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Adelaide get to go to Darwin. It is literally the top end of the world for them.

Darwin, capital of Northern Australia, is nearer to Indonesia than it is to Sydney, and closer to Singapore than it is to Melbourne. In the aftermath of the bombing in Bali, Indonesia, late last year, the first flights brought the Australian victims and casualties to, but of course, Darwin.

It is also as alien in climate, vegetation, and lifestyle as we are generally made to believe about Australia. Forgetting for a moment just how huge a continent Australia is, and familiarized with its "inverted" climate (it is winter there when it is summer in Europe and North America), we were pleasantly surprised to discover that Darwin is more like any Southeast Asian city. It has two seasons (wet and dry), a tropical climate, and a temperature of 30-33° Centigrade or 86-91° Fahrenheit all throughout the year. The top fruit exports are mangoes and bananas, and the water buffalo (cousin to the carabao) roams the wetlands of the Northern Territory.

It was only after visiting Darwin that we recalled historical and cultural ties, which could partly explain why there is a thriving Filipino presence there (some 9,000 out of the 80,000-plus population).

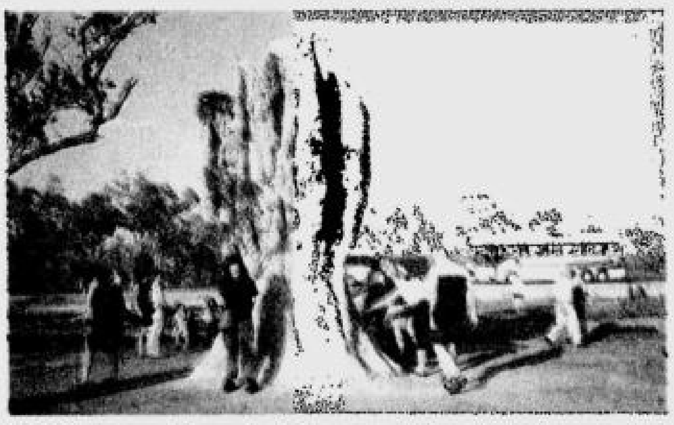
It was to Darwin where Gen. Douglas MacArthur fled when the fall of Corregidor seemed imminent, and from where (or, more accurately, from another city several miles south) he delivered that famous radio broadcast of 1942, "I Shall Return." And an aborigine we chatted with in the city square recalled the Filipinos he met in the course of delivering cattle to the ranches in Mindanao. (Australian beef is reputed to be the best in the world.)

Cultural diversity

More than any other city in Australia, Darwin prides itself in being the most culturally diversified. While the aborigines make up a quarter of the population, there are also 52 different nationalities there, among them Greek, Malay, Indonesian, Chinese and Japanese.

Central Darwin is so small one can easily walk around its three blocks square in a matter of minutes, and just as easily imbibe its lifestyle. We met tourists and Filipinos milling around the little ground-level mall; kept bumping into Filipino exchange students from Negros at the *tiangge* in Parap; were offered beer after beer in a pub crawling with skimpily dressed Europeans; walked into a music store to be told that Josh Groban was a top-seller; entered one of the many Darwin houses on stilts similar to our Muslim houses; sauntered to the park to enjoy the unpolluted night air; walked along the beachfront where mothers had brought their babies for a breather; and returned home close to midnight feeling absolutely safe and secure, without having seen a single policeman on duty.

A popular way of getting around is the Tour Tub, where, for A$25 (the exchange rate is roughly A$1 to P34), one can hop on and off at will and get to see the city—the Aquascene Fish Feeding, World War II Tunnels, a Pearling Exhibition, the Botanical Gardens, the Museum of Arts and Sciences, Parap Markets, a Military Museum, the Grand Casino, etc.



TERMITE mound along the highway outside Darwin

FAMOUS rock painting

One can also go on fishing safaris or sailing, or take in any of the many cultural presentations ranging from films, theater, concerts and ballet, most of them coming from Sydney.

Darwin is what Dick Gordon wishes our cities would be: safe, clean, and beautiful little trophies of a life well lived; a place where a visitor will come away with vivid memories of a weekend spent wonderfully.

Getting there

One can fly to Darwin on Qantas, connecting in Sydney or Brisbane, and take advantage of the connection to take in the sites of these other more popular cities.

There are flights thrice weekly, but some connections get the visitor into Darwin at midnight, a prospect that can be daunting to tourists familiar with horror stories of midnight arrivals in unfamiliar cities.

But arriving midnight in Darwin alone, and without a hotel pickup service, was for us a breeze, with available transfers to all the hotels, hostels, and inns in town.

The hotel we stayed in was the Carlton, located on the Esplanade fronting Darwin Harbor. It is a small chain with five branches in Australia, one in New Zealand, and another in Singapore (two more are opening in Hong Kong and China). Carlton sales director Clalia Mar is as perfect a host any visitor can have: there when you need her, invisible when you don't.

Darwin also provides the best jump-off point to the many national parks in the region.

Kakadu National Park is the nearest and most conclusive of the spots one can visit out of Darwin, and still get the feel of the bush and the wetlands; witness ancient aboriginal art in the rock paintings of Nourlangie Rock; cruise along the East Alligator River in search of flora, fauna, and the elusive crocodiles (there are no alligators in Australia, ha-ha!); and see giant termite mounds along the way home.

Another tour includes the Ubirr Art Site with more aboriginal rock paintings. (Ubirr recently figured in the news when tourists began chopping at the rocks to bring home bits as souvenirs.)

From Darwin, one can also fly to Central Australia and its most famous rock formation, Ayer's Rock, also known as the largest rock in the world.

We could have flown to Ayer's Rock from Darwin, but we decided not to, based on several factors.

One, it would have wreaked havoc on our entire Australian-vacation budget. Two, at least two visitors we met in the Darwin mall who had just returned from Ayer's Rock claimed that it was overrated and that it was merely a photographer's dream. Three, we are not really a sights traveler but more of a people traveler, and would quickly choose several days of living the way the residents do in the places we visit.

But more than the awesome nature sights where one feels so much closer to God, more than the cultural similarities and differences, we are left with only one conclusion: Humans are the same everywhere in the world. They will show you the best and the worst, as you deserve.

CROCODILE at rest; ducks oblivious

TRAVELBRIEFS

SARS vigilance

PHILIPPINE Airlines announced its recent donation of three new thermo-scanners for the use of the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport's Centennial Terminal 2.

The equipment automatically reads the body temperature of passengers as they pass through a checkpoint, allowing BOQ personnel to determine on the spot if a subject is running a fever—the first indication that a person might have a contagious illness like SARS. The procedure takes only a few seconds.

"To a very great extent, [these scanners] will help us in our anti-SARS activities at the airport," BOQ director Dr. Edgardo Sabitsana was quoted as telling PAL chair Lucio Tan in a message of thanks.

PAL said the installation of the units showed that it was not letting its guard down despite the waning of SARS in the last few weeks.

Certification

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'Pintados Festival'

THE COLORFUL "Pintados Festival" will be held today in Tacloban, Leyte, starting with a parade that kicks off at the Balayuan Towers and proceeds across the city.

The festival commemorates the "pintados," Tacloban's early inhabitants known for the heavy tattoos on their bodies, who held celebrations to mark victory in war or give thanks for a bountiful harvest.

This year, representatives of the embassies of Laos, Vietnam, Germany and the UK, as well as business groups, are expected to take part in the festival.

Globe Telecom is participating in the revelry with a buy-one-take-one promo on the Nokia 3530. As a treat to Leyteños, each customer who subscribes to a G-Text Plan with a friend gets the Nokia 3530 for free while the friend pays only P2,000 for the unit with his/her own G-text Plan. For a monthly service fee of P500, the plan covers 20 minutes of free voice calls and 500 free text messages.

Merrymakers may avail themselves of the "Pintados" promo until tomorrow, June 30, at the Globe Business Center on 22 P. Burgos Street, Tacloban.

High school reunion coming up!

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and dance at the Manila Polo Club to start raising funds for its 25th Assumption reunion three years from now.

For the record, that's not my batch, but clearly our own group needs to start thinking of a fundraiser since we are just a year apart. The trend in fund-raising these days is to have a decade dance party with either a live band or DJ disco music or both. The music alone can bring back old memories.

When class chair **Jeannie Javelosa** asked me to support the event, I bought a ticket and immediately started planning my outfit and wig color. I was originally going to dress up as **Madonna** but ended up with just her blonde hair and a pair of **Rajo Laurel** designer jeans. I thought it would be easier to boogie in jeans than in a **Cyndi Lauper** outfit. Besides, I had to look as smashing as these Assumptionistas in their late 30s. Funny how classmates were calling out maiden names and announcing what sections they originally belonged to.

During high school, I hung around with girls who were sort of the epicenter of popularity. I myself was more of a nerd. (Yes, there was a noticeable transformation somewhere between then and now). So, 20-something years later, you realize people do evolve.

Reinvention not needed

Unlike in the movie "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion," there was no need to reinvent myself and concoct fantasies of wealth and success to impress my classmates, or even say "I invented Post-Its." There was no need to prove anything to anyone. That night was simply a fun, nostalgic evening, listening to the Route 70 Band and DJ **Manolet Dario** spinning the '80s groove.

Organizing reunions is a difficult task from the updating of addresses and telephone numbers—and I'm not talking of snail mail addresses and landlines either—to locating missing classmates, finding sponsors and arranging entertainment.

There's a job opportunity there for a reunion manager, who will be like a wedding coordinator except that he/she should include solicitation of sponsors among the services offered.

Let the reunion manager take all the rejections, not just from sponsors but from classmates that refuse to have anything to do with the reunion because they had no happy memories of school.

In fact, there's a story about someone organizing a reunion who, when asking for a donation, was told by the prospective donor, "You never ever talked to me during high school and now you're asking me for money? No Way!" So, I believe a reunion manager is the answer.

Think about how wedding coordinators are so in-demand these days. I couldn't have completed my wedding without my wedding coordinators, Bride's Maids and Co. Just the march into the church with the dogs and the hamsters would have been chaos but, with the Bride's Maids, everything went like a breeze.

Even nine years later, I would still have done my wedding exactly the same way, perhaps adding this time some escape-proof cages for the hamsters so they couldn't scamper around the aisles and clamber up the ladies' gowns.

Fanny's latest honey

June is apparently not the wedding month anymore. December seems to have become attractive to a lot of couples. Brides following tradition by marrying in June need not worry though. Makeup guru **Fanny Serrano** has opened his Wedding Store in Quezon City just this month.

The store features Fanny's couture lines. Together with his designer gowns are shoes, bags and accessories. It's like a one-stop shop for brides.

Fanny had a power cast of guests, mostly from show biz. It was great seeing **Pops Fernandez** looking like a bride herself in a pretty, white floral dress. **KC Concepcion** was excitedly talking about her forthcoming college trip to Europe. And, finally, the Sea Princess met a real-life princess, **Ayen Laurel**, who turned out to be like the best kind of next-door neighbor.

Back in the earthly kingdom, should-be-a-princess **Rosa Rosal** hosted her annual Red Cross charity auction at the Mandarin Ballroom. A dinner concert featuring the powerful baritone voice of **Jose Llana**, our Fil-Am Broadway performer, was tied in with an auction of 15 Murano, hand-blown transparent quartz crystal sculptures.

Although my Venetian-inspired house will be a perfect place to showcase the pieces from **Marco Roberto Ascione**, these days I

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POWER cast guests of honor at the Fanny Serrano Wedding Store opening: Mary Ann Pagsibigan, Pops Fernandez, KC Concepcion, Gerard Ramirez, Ayen Laurel, Sari Yap, Charo Santos Concio, Kakai Arroyo, Mons Tantoco and Joe Salazar

BATCH '81 babes: Ona Lopez Chung, Janine Cuenca Dario, Jojo Reyes Ongsiako, Connie Quirino Cuneta, Bingbing Javelosa Ongsiako and Tillie Tanjangco Santos

ASSUMPTION breed from different batches get down and boogie all night!

HOST Batch '80: Jeannie Javelosa, Chipay Valmonte San Vicente, Stella Katigbak Reyes, Maris Rosario, Isabel Laurel Barandiaran, Gigi Barrera Abong, Marilen Carpio, Gemma Jimenez Lava, Lilu Delfin Tanjangco; seated: Ana Diaz de Rivera and Joch Beech Quiambao

CHAMPAGNE welcome at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel for the happy couple

FUNDRAISERS all: Sandra Recto Jalbuena, Riza Locsin de la Rama and Tonette Apacible Humphrie

COOL husband at event, Philip Recto, with his Assumptionista wife Sandra Gordon

CUDDLY couple expecting their second child, Paolo and Pilar Lorenzo

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The Angels Take Flight Once Again

With the SMART Cinema Club and Addict Mobile

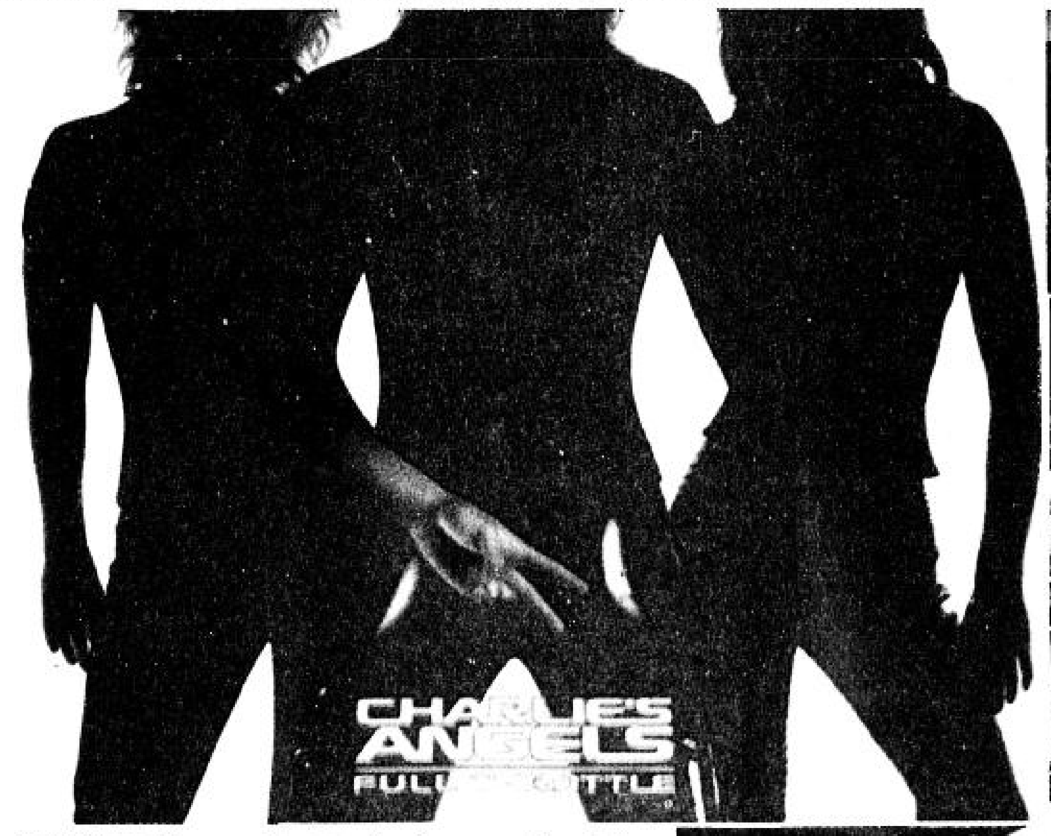
"Good morning, Angels." With these three words, fans of action and adventure eagerly anticipated one of the most beloved TV and movie series ever. The SMART Cinema Club and Addict Mobile, together with content provider Information Gateway, recently sponsored an early screening for "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" at the Premiere THX Cinema. As the follow-up to 2000's blockbuster, "Charlie's Angels" the action promised to be fiercer than ever and the audience couldn't agree more.

From the moment the original "Charlie's Angels" television show premiered in the 1970s, people around the world immediately took notice. The story, three beautiful girls recruited from the police academy, hired by the mysterious Charles "Charlie" Townsend as private investigators, struck a nerve. In 2000, a new spin was given to the TV classic. Drew Barrymore as Dylan Sanders, Cameron Diaz as Natalie Cook, and Lucy Liu as Alex Munday appeared as the new millennium's version of "Charlie's Angels". With MTV director McG at the helm, the girls took audiences for a wild ride filled with lots of stunts, fights, and explosions.

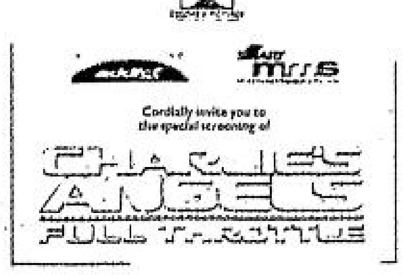
Charlie now calls on the girls to look for two missing wedding bands, both featuring the identities of every person in the Witness Protection Program. When witnesses start to turn up dead, only the Angels can stop the perpetrator, using their knowledge in disguise, espionage, and the martial arts. Joining Dylan, Natalie, and Alex onscreen will be popular comedian Bernie Mac as the new Bosley, the person who brings Charlie and the Angels together. Demi Moore makes a triumphant return to the big screen as former Angel-turned-bad, Madison Lee. With these new additions, expect more of the irreverent-fun, action, and loads of girl power that the first "Charlie's Angels" delivered!

The SMART Cinema Club invites you to join the hi-tech espionage of Charlie's Angels through the ease of your celfones! You can download colored wallpapers, polyphonic ringtones, sound clips, and streaming video from the film "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle." SMART will also be raffling off 3 Sony Ericsson T310 celfones and 10 MMS portfolio bags weekly. For the grand draw, you can win any of the 3 Sony Ericsson T610s or the very stylish Sony Ericsson P800. Make sure to stay tuned for more promos from the SMART Cinema Club for more premiere tickets and prizes in the future.

Good morning, Angels. Get ready to raise hell one more time!



The actual SMART Cinema Club invitation--one hot ticket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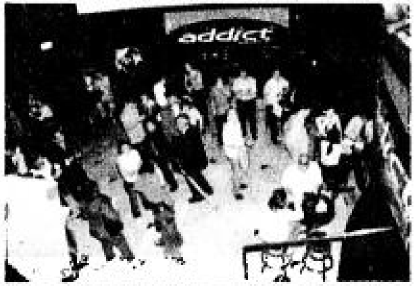

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SPORTY couple Ernie and Jeena Lopez

PUBLIC service couple Secretary Roilo and Naty Golez

LATEST couple Manny Padilla and Mia Tambunting

High school reunion coming up!

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would rather spend the money on a Kestrel Carbon Fiber road bike (I must be getting into my triathlete mode again).

9th inning

Lucky for my hubby **Dennis**, the "Rhapsody in Red" charity auction fell exactly on our 9th wedding anniversary, so he didn't have to buy me dinner as we went to the auction instead. But, just to surprise him, I arranged with Makati Shangri-La Hotel's director of communication, **Joy Wassmer**, a two-night stay at one of their newly-refurbished hotel suites.

I jokingly asked Joy to secure some Viagra for us and—showing how full-service the Shangri-La's service can go—she instantly found us one of those little blue pills. Talk about service beyond the norm!

I can't be too sure, but my guess is that she got it from her brother-in-law who is a doctor. The funny thing is that he is a pediatrician!

But since Dennis had an early golf game the next day, we opted to save the blue pill for a longer weekend. Instead, we explored **Tim Yap**'s anniversary gift, a book entitled "Sexual Tips for a Straight Woman from a Gay Man." It's now a bedside favorite.

My kids spent the next day in the hotel pool and had a blast. My daughter, **Annika**, was shocked when she realized the hotel was nearby and she didn't need to take a plane. I hit the gym before dinner at Cheval Blanc just to burn all the wine I consumed for the past days.

We finally formally celebrated our 9th with friends and family in an intimate, fun dinner at the French restaurant of the Shang, with Cheval Blanc's chef, **Thomas Figovc**, preparing a sumptuous meal for us.

During the course of the feast, Jose Llana serenaded me with his mom's favorite song, "Someone to Watch Over Me." That was a sampler of his forthcoming concert at the Westin Philippine Plaza this coming Tuesday.

Throughout dinner, toasts were being tossed back and forth, with the quality of the toast being scored. All the guests were keeping tabs on which side of the table was scoring better. **Leah Puyat** had one of the most memorable lines that evening, saying the only team that should score was Dennis and I.

For me though, **Leica Carpo** gave the best speech of all, focusing on our (Dennis and I) most memorable fashion collaboration, our medieval wedding.

Dennis is fashion's equivalent of an immovable object—traditional through and through. Back then, he wanted a Filipiniana wedding and I wanted a medieval wedding. So, as they say when an immovable object meets an irresistible force... sparks are bound to fly—even after nine years.

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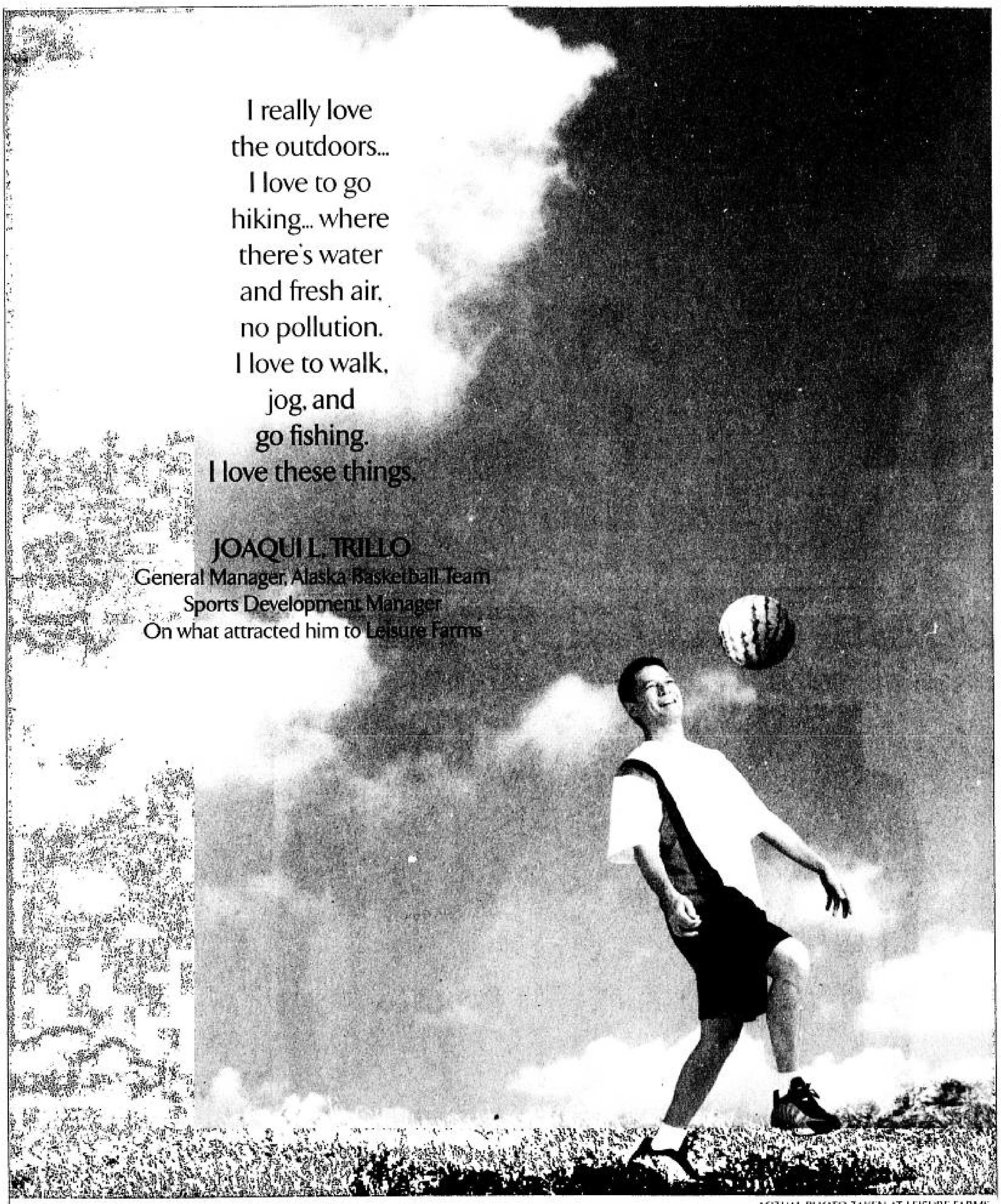

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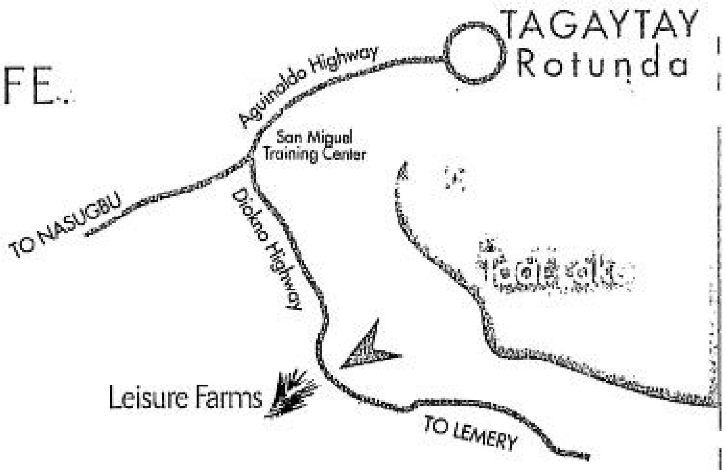

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Leisure Farms to introduce more prime lots

LEISURE Farms, the Philippines' first hobby farming and agro-tourism development, will be introducing the newest phase in the project's growing community on June 29, 2003 (Sunday).

An additional cluster of choice lots for hobby farmers, the property is located on the highest levels in the farm's sprawling neighborhood in Lemery, Batangas, featuring excellent terrain and perfect slopes, on porous, fertile, abundant soil.

Residents will enjoy all of Leisure Farms' facilities and amenities: clubhouse, fishing lake, nature trails, a campsite, bridle paths, and linear lake as well as 24-hour security, perimeter fencing, complete modern amenities (water supply, electrical and paved roads) and a refreshing view of Mt. Batulao. Professional advice and support are available through Farm Management Services, which include Technical Support, Supply Depot, Contract Growing Services, and access to the Demo Farms.

Dubbed "Fresh, Farms, Fun" Leisure Farms' on-site event will be a refreshing day of family fun and entertainment, with farm-fresh activities like horseback-riding and fishing, pick n' pay - a fruit and vegetable market - and more, giving visitors a taste of the Leisure Farms experience.

Visitors can also explore the whole farm development, see the model demo farms, the farm lots, and the soon-to-be completed agro-tourism park - a showcase of nature's wonders: Coffee Farm, Hybrid Farm, Playgrounds, Organic Farms and a Herb Garden among others; and the Village Store - and exciting preview of the farm-fresh lifestyle.

The Grand Launch starts at 9:30 am. Open House on June 28 (Saturday). Leisure Farms can be accessed through Diokno Highway from Aguinaldo Highway, Tagaytay. For more information call 807-8754 to 58 local 375. Leisure Farms is a quality development of Landco Pacific Corporation (www.leisurefarms.com or www.landcopacific.com) ADVT.

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BENNY and Naty Dungo

THE DUNGO couple with their 10 children

50 years of simple togetherness

By Irene Susan Dungo
Contributor

BENNY and Naty can never forget the first time they met. That was in the cold month of December 1950 at a party for medical students held at YWCA, Manila.

Naty was invited by an ardent suitor whom she didn't like. But something within her made her come along just the same.

Perhaps it was fate, for that night, she met Benny. Right away, she knew he was the right man for her.

Benny was also smitten by the charm, innocence and simplicity of Naty. In order to discourage other guys from dancing with her, Naty chose to dance the whole night only with Benny.

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LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL DISH FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION?
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It's your parents' anniversary. Or maybe Kuya's graduation. Your little girl's 7th birthday. Time to mark another milestone in your family's life. But are you tired of serving the same old party dishes? If you want to try something different, but want to make sure people will enjoy what you serve, why not serve a Christmas ham like Purefoods Fiesta Ham, even when it isn't Christmas?

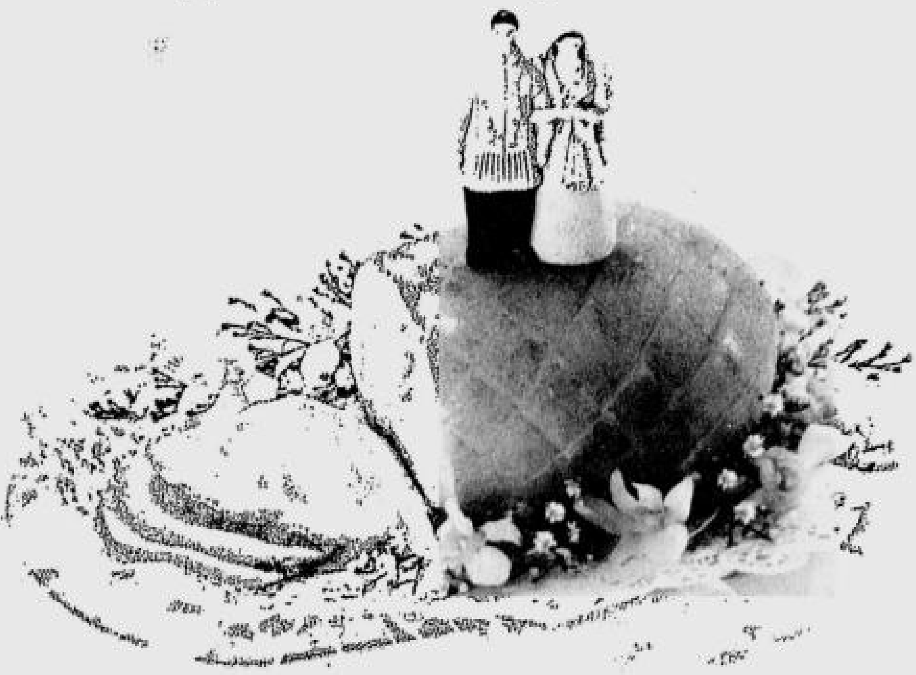
"Why not?" counters Helene Z. Pontejos of the San Miguel Pure Foods Culinary Center, "when people serve Purefoods Fiesta Ham during other special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries or despedidas, their guests get really excited. It's really a pleasant surprise."

Many housewives who buy Fiesta Ham during non-holiday seasons say that they like the convenience of it. After all, you just bake it and glaze it---and voila, you've got a centerpiece dish that everyone likes. Because Fiesta Ham has so many fond memories associated with it, it lends an extra festive air to other special celebrations.

For children's parties, why not serve ham roll-ups or fancy mini sandwiches using colored breads (this you can order ahead from the neighborhood baker). Or you can lay the ham slices on tortilla bread and roll it up, slice it and you have ham roll-ups. Cut up Fiesta Ham into a star or other fancy shapes using a cookie cutter and these become nutritious pick-me-ups for the children.

It's unexpected, it's not traditional. But when your guests come to your table at the next special occasion, and their eyes light up when they see an old favorite even when it isn't Christmas, you'll be glad you served Purefoods Fiesta Ham.

Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary!



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FIRST district Quezon City councilor Wilma Amoranto-Sarino (fourth from left) and businessman and former three-termer Pasig City councilor Romy Medina (fifth from left) cut the ceremonial ribbon during the opening ceremonies of Traders Hotel Manila's wedding and debut fair. Others in photo are (from left) Ricci Reyes Ang of Behind the Scene Productions, bride model Cecil de Castro, Traders' GM Henry Lee and director of sales and marketing Jopy Lopez.

Alabang fair for brides and debutantes

SPARK Up Events will present "An Affair to Remember," a wedding and debut event featuring some of the country's specialists and suppliers, on July 4-6 at the activity area of the Alabang Town Center.

Event stylist Henry N. Pascual will transform the activity center into a showcase area lined with white parasols with green ivy and alaskin drapes. Musical performances will be rendered by Sentimental Groove, Agape Strings, Velvet Mood, Legierro Strings, JJS Entertainment and Philomusica.

Brides and debutantes can avail of free wedding and debut consultations, as well as a free make-over by cosmetic specialists of AIA Hinoki Cosmetics. Some products at the fair will be available at specially discounted rates. Guests will also get a chance to win a photo and video coverage from Chat Peypoch, a bridal or debutante's gown, honeymoon and vacation destination packages, and other gifts from event sponsors and partners.

Two bridal and debutante fashion shows will be presented—the 5th anniversary presentation of Achievers Fashion Design Club at 6 p.m. July 5 and, the highlight of this year's bridal fair, a fashion show directed by Pascual featuring the designers participating in the bridal fair like Designer Studio, Eric Pineda, Joel Bautista, Leonard Co, Marianne Lazaro, Eerie Angeles of Seeds, Tito Franco and Susie Bonaobra.

Tune in to Magic 89.9 and 103.5 K-lite, visit www.kasal.com or call 807-8172 or 640-7749.

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KENKOY The oldest and most famous Filipino Komiks character and his creator Antonio Velasquez

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DA BLUES, DA JAZZ, DA WAY WE WERE A multi-media extravaganza opening the Sangandaan Festival featuring Bituin Escalante, Calvin Millado, The Company, Anna Fegi, PETA, Philippine Madrigal Singers and Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group.

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Mars ravelo's DARNA Ballet Philippines' action-packed combination of comic book heroics, acrobatics, aerial movements and techno music never before witnessed in the Philippines.

LAGI KITANG MAMAHALIN A musical tribute to Lucio San Pedro, Ernani Cuenco, Levi Celerio, Atang de la Rama and Jovita Fuentes. Features: Sharon Cuneta, Vina Morales, Jose Llana and Regine Velasquez.

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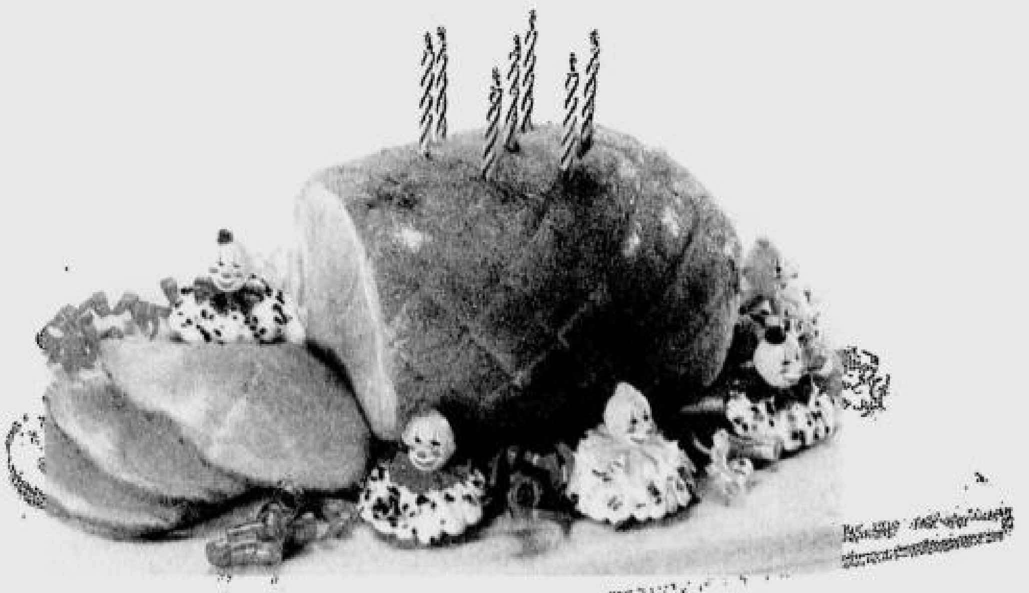
According to Helene Z. Pontejos of the San Miguel Pure Foods Culinary Center, "People write us to ask where they can buy Fiesta Ham even when it isn't the Christmas season, then they're surprised when we tell them that's actually available all year round". Ms. Pontejos says that Purefoods Fiesta Ham goes well with many different dishes, so it's not hard to plan a menu around it. "Birthdays, anniversaries, name it...it's *bagay*", says Ms. Pontejos. She says Fiesta Ham is especially appreciated in parties where there are balikbayans or people leaving the country, because it's the taste of home.

But is there any other way to serve Fiesta Ham aside from the usual baked whole ham? "Of course!" replies Ms. Pontejos. For merienda get-togethers, she suggests a sandwich bar, where you can serve sliced Fiesta Ham with pugon pan de sal and kesong puti slices where guests are free to do their own sandwich. You can also serve it with different types of sauces on the side, like honey mustard, applesauce or a berry-type sauce.

It's unexpected, it's not traditional. But when your guests come to your table at the next special occasion, and their eyes light up when they see an old favorite even when it isn't Christmas, you'll be glad you served Purefoods Fiesta Ham.

Happy Birthday!



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50 years of simple togetherness

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Fast forward a year later: On an outing in Tagaytay City in May 1951, Naty finally accepted Benny's profession of love.

Suave and debonair Benny, a ladies' man, knew there and then that his bachelor days would soon come to an end. After having dated 13 girlfriends, he decided to marry Naty on June 4, 1953, at St. Joseph Parish, Manila.

There were only nine guests at the wedding. Naty's sister Letty generously shouldered the food expenses at Bulakeña Restaurant, which amounted to P59.

Benny and Naty led a very simple life. In the beginning, they even lived in a single room.

Over the years, one child led to another, until there were 10 of them in the family home at O'Donnel Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

This was where Benny also decided to put up a small clinic for his numerous patients.

Twenty-five years later, on their silver wedding anniversary on June 4, 1978, Benny and Naty had their new house at Philamlife Village, Las Piñas City, blessed—a much bigger place where the kids had a sprawling garden to play around in.

The wedding cake, which wasn't present at their wedding, finally made its appearance during Benny and Naty's 40th wedding anniversary. Eldest son Edmund, now based in the US, decided to come home and join the family for a joyous reunion.

Recently, the couple made it to their golden date.

The success of Benny and Naty's marriage is a shining example of tremendous love and respect for each other, and of abiding faith in God's love for the family.

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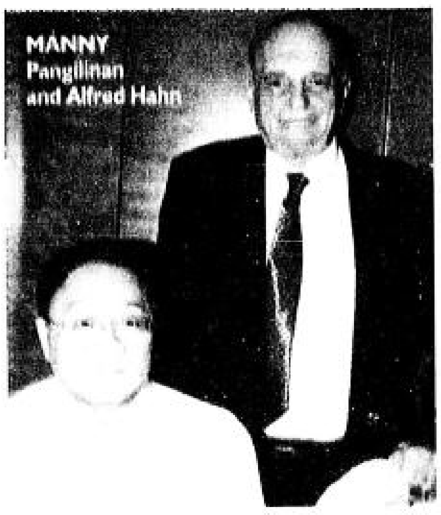
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PINOYS CELEBRATE WITH FIESTA HAM

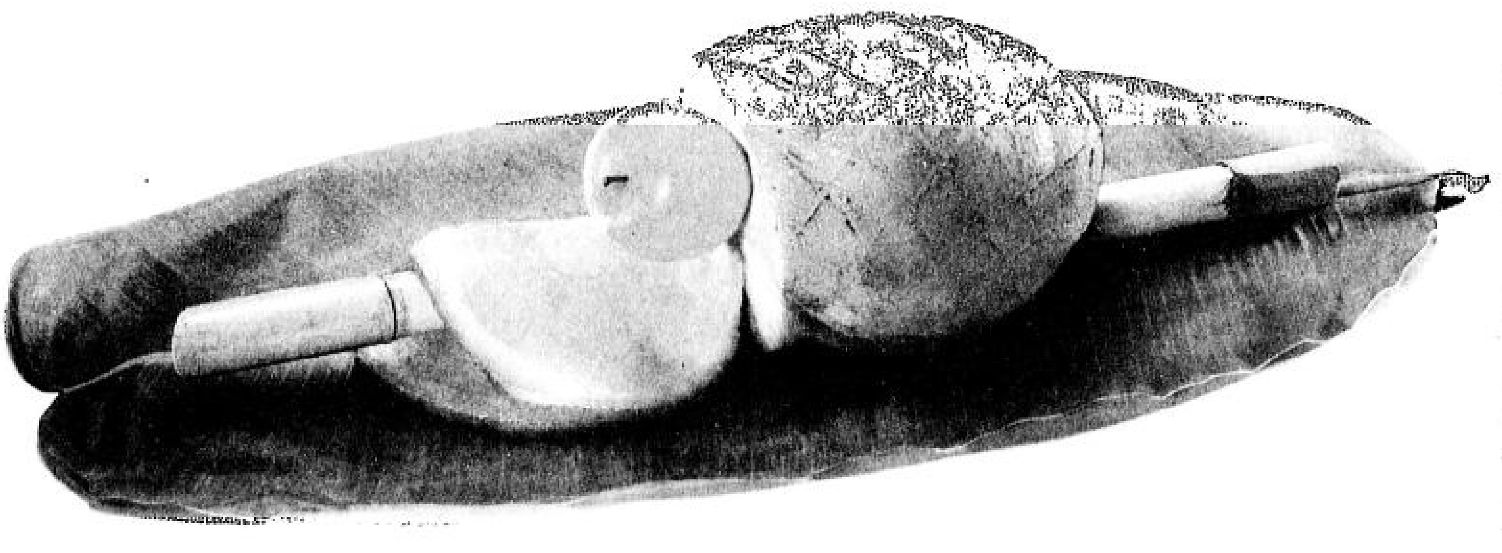
Whenever there's a big *handaan*, lechon immediately comes to mind. But when times are hard, many housewives are forced to forgo this crowd pleaser and content themselves with more regular fare. Or sometimes, the gathering isn't big enough to justify the cost of a lechon. That leaves the question of what dish becomes the centerpiece of the party table. The new alternative? Purefoods Fiesta Ham. For a few hundred pesos, you can serve an attractive, delicious dish that goes well with many other recipes. And because it's the traditional star of the Noche Buena feast, everyone loves the taste of Fiesta Ham.

But ham in August? Not something we usually think of. Counters Helene Z. Pontejos of the San Miguel Pure Foods Culinary Center, "Why not? When people serve Fiesta Ham during other special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries or despedidas, they get really excited. It's really a pleasant surprise."

But is there any other way to serve Fiesta Ham aside from the usual baked whole ham? You can glaze the ham and put it in a big silver platter. Surround this with fresh fruits e.g. grapes and orange slices. Then you can make your buffet table more interesting by carving or slicing the ham on the spot, a style that is a take off from elegant hotel or restaurant buffets.

It's unexpected, it's not traditional. But when you're looking for an alternative to lechon that's just as festive and welcome, maybe Purefoods Fiesta Ham is just the answer.

Happy Fiesta!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Milestones

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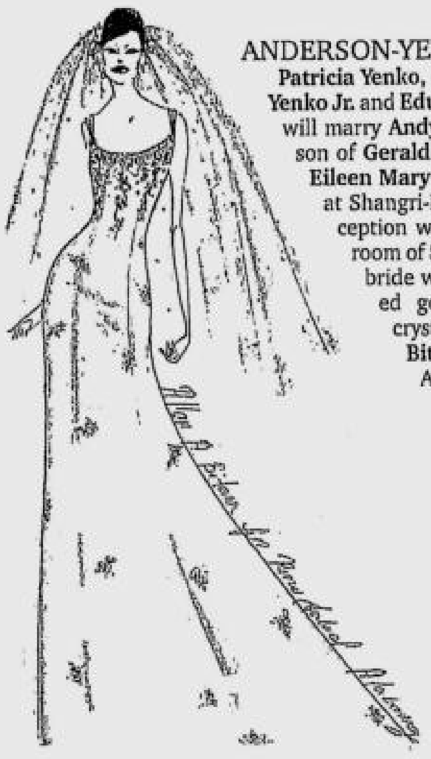

ANDERSON-YENKO

Patricia Yenko, daughter of **Flaviano Yenko Jr.** and **Eduvigis Banzon Yenko**, will marry **Andy William Anderson**, son of **Gerald John Anderson** and **Eileen Mary Anderson**, on July 5 at Shangri-La Hotel, Makati. Reception will follow at the ballroom of Shangri-La Hotel. The bride will wear a fully beaded gown with swarovski crystals designed by **Allan Bitara** of Rene Salud in Alabang.

EVANGELISTA-PADILLA

Engr. Ricnel P. Evangelista and **Dr. Genevieve T. Padilla** were married on May 25 at St. Pancratius Chapel, Paco Park, Manila. The bride wore a **Ding Marquez** bustier serpentine gown in ivory duchess satin with a 6-foot train embellished with glass and crystal beads. Reception was held at Old Swiss Inn Manila.

VIGO-MORALES

Dennis D. Vigo, son of lawyer **Eugenio** and Dr. **Aida Vigo**, married **Maridel G. Morales**, daughter of the late Mr. and Ms. **Mariano** and **Fidela Morales**, in a private wedding ceremony on May 28 in San Jose, California. **Ysai**, their six-year-old daughter, acted as their ring bearer and flower girl.

The bride wore a beaded white satin gown designed by her sister-in-law, **Liza Vigo Navarro** who also did her bridal bouquet.

JIMENEZ-MENDOZA

Jayson Sibal Jimenez, son of **Edgardo Jimenez** and **Auree Sibal**, tied the knot with **Maria Imelda H. Mendoza**, daughter of **Gaudencio Mendoza** (deceased) and **Herminia Hequibal**, on June 28 at Mary the Queen Parish Church in Greenhills West, San Juan. Reception was held at Windmills and Rainforest in Scout Borromeo, South Triangle Quezon City.

The bride wore a gown created by her cousin, **Julius H. Tarog**.

SULIT-LANTO

Ogie Sulit, son of **Warlito** and **Erlinda Sulit**, married **Dolly Lanto**, daughter of **Arthur** and **Linda Lanto** on June 28 at Basilica of Immaculate Conception, Batangas City. Reception was held at the University of Batangas covered court.

DE OCAMPO-POLINTAN

Jose de Ocampo, son of **Ricardo** and **Isidra Ocampo** of Pampanga, will marry **Geraldine Polintan**, daughter of **Lorenzo** and **Dolorosa Polintan** of Laguna, on July 5 at Our Lady of Annunciation Parish, Quezon City. Reception will follow at Alfredo's Steaks, Tomas Morato Avenue, Quezon City. **Raul L. Valles** of Good Concept is the wedding coordinator.

MARIANO-SABUG

Grace C. Sabug, only daughter of **Virgilio Galeon** and **Linda Sabug**, married **Rommel Mariano**, son of **Rolando** and **Marina Mariano**, on June 28 at San Agustin Church in Intramuros, Manila. A dinner dance reception followed at Father Blanco's Garden catered by Makati Skyline.

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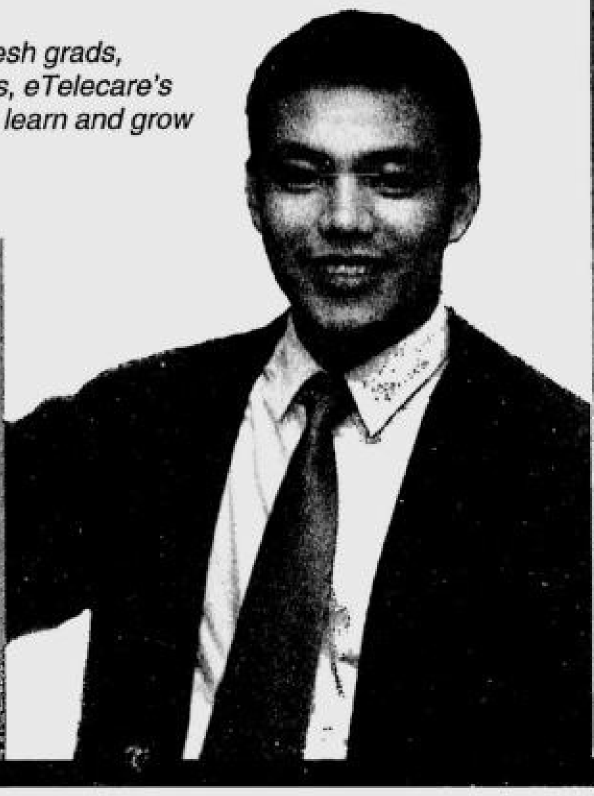

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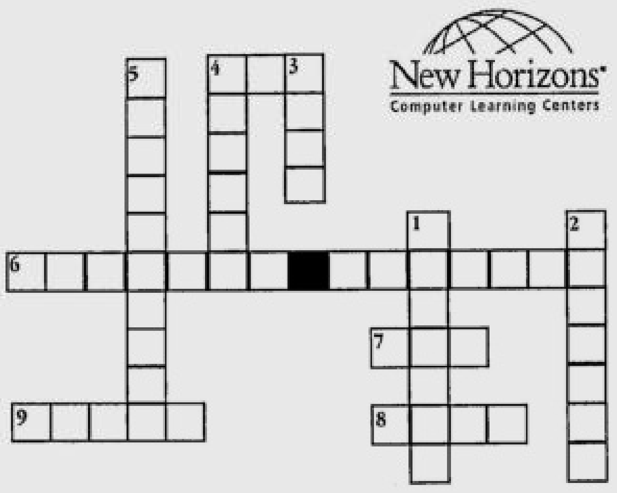

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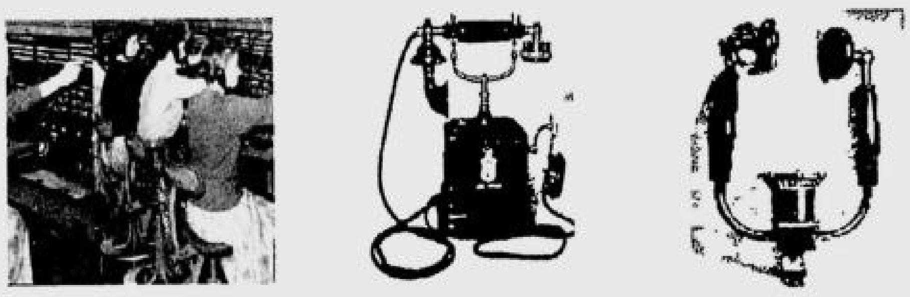

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- Must be Safety/Officer/Sanitary Engineer
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- Basic knowledge in AutoCAD2000
- Can operate windows based program

Office Staff
- Male/Female between 21-27 years old
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- With 6 months experience in office work, people oriented
- Can work on extended hours
- Must be computer proficient

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- With professional Driver's License(R Code- 6& 3,2,1,)

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- At least High school Vocational College Level
- Male be 20-35 years old
- With 6 months experience in forklift operation
- With Professional Driver's License
- Good moral character

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- Knowledge in AVR control

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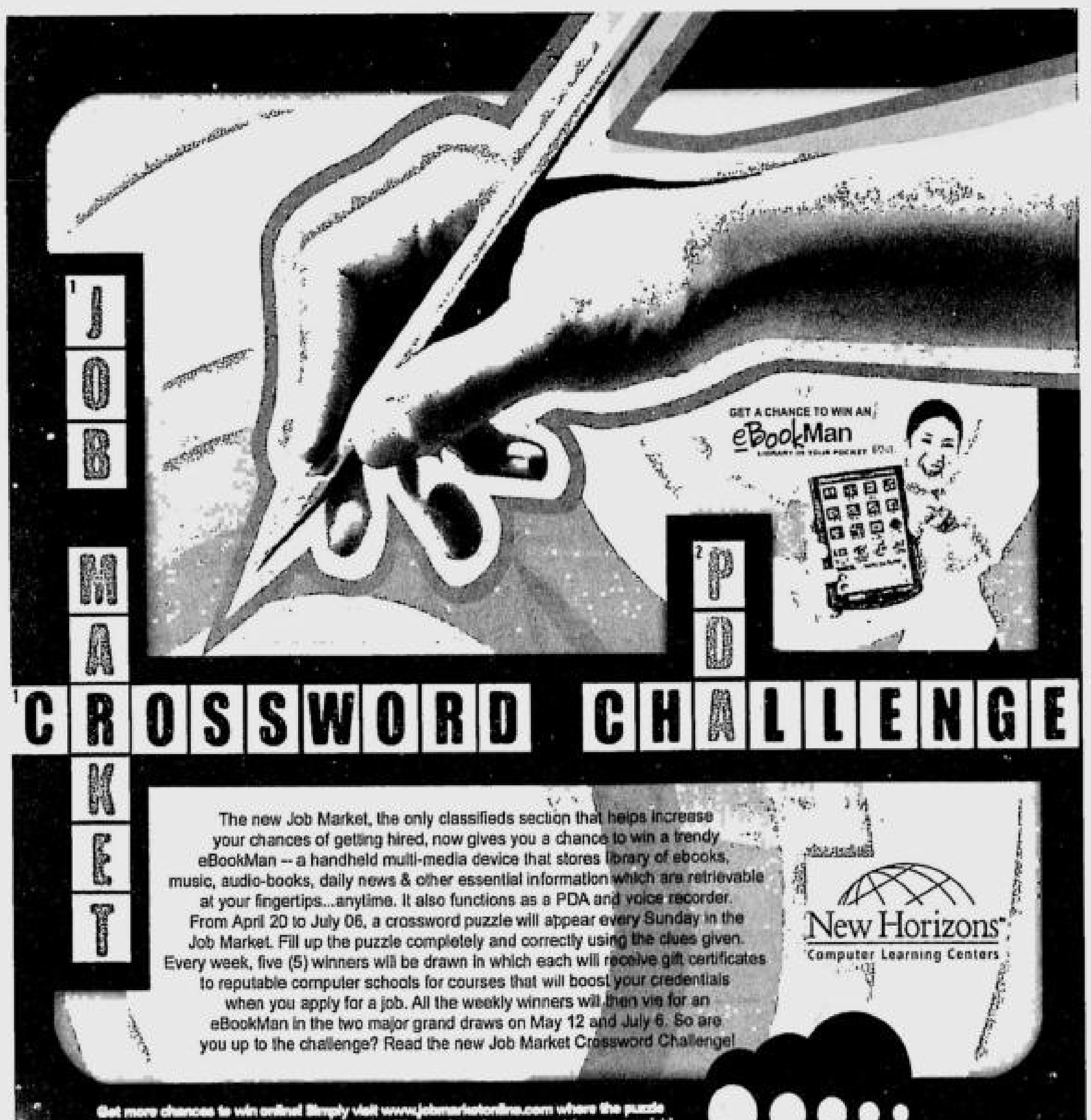

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PROMO MECHANICS:

1. The promotion is open to all Inquirer Job Market readers nationwide as well as visitors of jobmarketonline.com.
2. For 12 consecutive Sundays (from April 20 to June 29) every Job Market issue will have a crossword puzzle cum entry form published on the section's 2nd page asking questions about the job placement ads and the editorial content of the Job Market. Each week will feature a different set of questions and puzzle.
3. Readers are tasked to complete the puzzle using the job placement ads and articles that came out in the same issue as clues, and write their name, address, telephone number and signature on the space provided for in the entry form.
4. The same puzzle, questions and entry form can also be found in the jobmarketonline website from Monday to Thursday of the following week.
5. To join through jobmarketonline, visitors must print out the puzzle/entry form found on the website and fill it up manually. Only printed versions of the said puzzle/entry form are valid. No photocopies allowed.
6. Puzzle/entry forms (newspaper cut-outs for print entries and computer print outs for website entries) must then be placed inside a white legal size envelope and mailed to "The Job Market Crossword Challenge" c/o Job Market, Philippine Daily Inquirer Chino Roces Avenue cor. Yague and Mascardo sts., 1230 Makati City. Each complete puzzle/entry form serves as a single official entry during which the winners (5) will be drawn every week to receive the following:

   Gift certificates from any of the following computer schools: NIIT, STI, Informatics, Genetics and New Horizon.
7. Only entries with complete & correct puzzles are considered valid. All entries for the week (provincial and GMA) must be received by 5pm Friday of the following week to qualify for the weekly draw to be held every Monday after the submission deadline.
8. There would be a total of twelve (12) weekly draws divided into two (2) phases, each comprise of four (4), the other seven (7) and one (1) grand draw.

   Raffle draw details are as follows

DATE INCLUSIVE	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	GRAND DRAW	VENUE
April 20 to May 4	May 9	May 12	Glorietta
May 18 to June 29	July 4	July 6	PDI Office
9. An individual may send more than one (1) entry (for both print and online entries) but may only win once in every weekly draw. Non-winning entries for each particular draw will be disqualified in the succeeding draw. All weekly draws will be held at the Philippine Daily Inquirer office at 3:00 pm in the presence of a DTI rep.
10. Only the thirty (30) weekly draw winners will qualify for each of the 2 grand draws wherein one winner will receive the prize.
11. Raffle prizes are non-transferable and not convertible to cash.
12. Winners will be notified via registered mail and telephone. Name of the weekly winners will be published in the Job Market and posted in jobmarket online every week.
13. Winners can claim their prizes at the PDI office upon presentation of the notification letter and valid ID (driver's license, TIN,SSS or Passport.)
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- Preferably with 3 years experience as Duty Manager or Asst. Front Office Manager
- Extensive background in Front Office and Housekeeping Operations
- Knowledgeable in inventory processes, forecasting, scheduling, budgeting & revenue management
- Astute in identifying opportunities.

CHEF MANAGER
- Must have three or more years management experience in a multi-operational type of establishment
- Can think on his feet, highly flexible and possesses a passion for quality and excellence in food and beverage operations.
- Fine dining experience in kitchen and service is a definite edge.

CHEF DE CUISINE
- Possess management and training skills with hands on experience in a la carte & banquet preparation
- Knowledgeable in menu planning, menu execution, recipe costing and food presentation.
- Should have at least 2 years Sous Chef or Head Cook work experience.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM MGR/OFFICER
- Highly proficient in hardware/software installation and maintenance, preferably with background in system/program management.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER
- With excellent knowledge of food, beverage, and supplies purchase procedures.
- Keen on price composition and analysis; with unquestionable integrity

COST CONTROL OFFICER
- With a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management or Accounting.
- Has an eye for detail; well-organized. Prior work experience in restaurant operations is required.
- Experience in recipe, menu costing, inventory and purchasing is a sure advantage.

HR AND TRAINING OFFICER
- Graduate of Behavioural Science or Hotel & Restaurant Management course.
- Well-versed in all facets of HR functions, with emphasis on Training conceptualization and implementation.

SALES EXECUTIVE
- At least two years high-level hospitality sales experience.
- With established contacts/clients.
- Enjoys fieldwork, must be highly articulate, resourceful, and must possess good writing skills.

SALES AND F/B COORDINATOR
- Highly personable, articulate, resourceful, creative, and a good event organizer.
- At least two years banquet sales experience is required.

SHIFT SUPERVISOR – ENGINEERING
- A licensed Electrical or Electronics & Communication Engineer.
- Knowledgeable in controls (PLC), with hands-on experience in PABX system, computer set-up, CCTV, fire alarm system, CATV and switchgears.

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BATANGAS CITY

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- Adepth in preparing business correspondence and office memos.
- Equipped with good judgment and excellent organizing, coordination, planning and people skills

CHEF DE PARTIE
- Must possess strong culinary skills and has had exposure to different types of cuisine.
- Has handled and supervised staff.
- Must understand the fundamentals of food and labor cost controls.

BOOKKEEPER
- With min. of 3 years experience in bookkeeping. Preferably a licensed accountant with auditing background.

HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
- Involved in tasks related to guest room preparation and cleanliness for guest arrival
- Must have at least 2 years experience in housekeeping or facilities supervision in a hotel setting
- Background in inventory, planning and scheduling, forecasting and budget preparation is an advantage

RESTAURANT SERVICE SUPERVISOR
- A minimum of 2 years relevant experience in dining and restaurant operation is required
- Must be able to run a shift, training and mentoring skills is an advantage

AUDITORS
- Highly systematic, organized, analytical, and keen to details
- Has accounting background and knowledgeable in sales audit-bar, restaurant, hotel environment.

FRONT OFFICE AGENTS
- Highly focused, has the ability to project a positive attitude over the telephone.
- Goes an extra mile to assist the customers with courtesy and efficiency.

TREASURY ASSISTANT
- Graduate of Accounting course, with two years minimum experience in check preparation and bank transacting preparation.

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Metro Manila residents may send their resumé at 24th Flr. IBM Plaza
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UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS – *MANILA COUNTRY OFFICE*

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) is inviting applicants who can qualify for a National UN Volunteer post to undertake a review on volunteerism in the Philippines.

CONSULTANT

Reporting to the United Nations Volunteers Programme Officer, the staff shall:

- ✓ Conduct data gathering and field visits to selected projects;
- ✓ Review of relevant documentation and materials related to volunteers' activities;
- ✓ Conduct interviews with major stakeholders;
- ✓ Organize focus group discussions and stakeholder workshops;
- ✓ Prepare a **report** with significant findings; a **set of recommendations** towards the strengthening of the volunteer system; and an **agenda** for advocacy.

***Requirements:* University degree in the social sciences, development or related field. 8 years work experience in the evaluation of national programmes and policies and with government and NGOs. Competence in sample survey techniques and computerized data processing. Good analytical and report writing skills. Good people and communication skills. The consultant should have no previous contractual involvement with any of the stakeholders. Knowledge of volunteerism would be an asset.**

All application letters with comprehensive resume should reach our office on or before **9 July 2003**. Address applications to the United Nations Volunteers, Room 210, 2/F NEDA sa Makati Building, 106 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City (via courier) or P.O. Box 7285 Domestic Airport Post Office Lock Box, 1300 Domestic Road,' Pasay City (via airmail); Fax no. +63-2-812-8657; email to beatriz.fernandez@undp.org. **Only shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged.**

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Birth Certificate & Transcript of Records

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

QUALIFICATIONS

Very pleasing personality
Preferably Female, Single,
Not more than 30 years old
College graduate
With excellent oral & written communication skills
Computer literate
Can work under pressure & long hours

Applicants may apply personally at or send resume to:

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- **OVERHEAD CRANE CHARGING/TAPPING OPERATOR**
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- **ELECTRICIAN**
  20-27 years old; graduate of related vocational or collegiate course; with at least 1 year related experience.
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Position Summary:

The Project Officer shall assist, in a proactive manner, in the project development and monitoring of projects in the area of assignment; and assist the Regional Operations Manager in the formulation and implementation of the Regional Operational Plan

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- Good grasp of current economic and social policies of the government.

Position: Senior Economic Specialists

- Masters degree in Economics, Public Administration or Business Administration
- At least four years experience in policy research and with excellent analytical skills;
- Must be familiar with legislative process;
- Must be familiar with economic and social policy issues;
- Must have good writing and communication skills; and
- Professional Civil Service Eligibility.

Position: Economic Specialist

- A degree in Economics, Finance or other related fields, with masteral units;
- At least three years experience in policy research;
- Good writing and analytical skills; and
- Professional Civil Service Eligibility

Position: Economic Researchers

- A degree in Economics;
- At least two years experience in research;
- Good writing skills; and
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- ✓ Preferably Chinese speaking

Account Officer

- ✓ Between 25-35 years old
- ✓ Graduate of any Business related course
- ✓ With at least 2 years experience as Account Officer for Consumer Loans
- ✓ Excellent oral & written communciation skills
- ✓ Pleasing Personality

Sales & Service Officer

- ✓ Between 26-30 years old
- ✓ Graduate of any Business related course
- ✓ CPA an advantage
- ✓ 3 to 5 years experience in new accounts, tellering, bookkeeping and supervision

Branch Officer / Teller Pool

- ✓ Retirees from other banks with suitable experience
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HR Specialist / Officer

- ✓ Between 25-35 years old
- ✓ Graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science or any related course
- ✓ With strong background in Training & Development
- ✓ Exposure in other HR functions will be an advantage
- ✓ With good oral & written communication skills

Customer Sales Assistant / Teller

- ✓ Between 20-25 years old
- ✓ Graduate of any business related course
- ✓ Experience in tellering / new accounts is an advantage
- ✓ Computer literate
- ✓ With good oral & written communication skills
- ✓ Pleasing personality

Marketing Officer Auto & Liabilities

(For Metro Manila, Cebu, Iloilo & Bacolod)

- ✓ Between 22-27 years old
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- ✓ Familiar with solicitation of deposit accounts
- ✓ With good oral & written communication skills
- ✓ Pleasing personality

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- ✓ Between 20-25 years old
- ✓ Graduate of any Business related course
- ✓ With excellent oral & written communication skills
- ✓ Experience in call center is an advantage

Store Card Reconciliation Assistants

- ✓ Between 20-25 years old
- ✓ Graduate of any Business related course
- ✓ With good oral & written communication skills
- ✓ Experience in accounting is an advantage

Technical/Operations Specialist

- ✓ Male, between 20-30 years old
- ✓ Graduate of Computer Science / Computer Engineering / ECE or related courses
- ✓ With at least 3-5 years experience in Windows NT Administration, Router Configuration & other technical support functions
- ✓ Willing to be assigned in night shift

Audit Assistant

- ✓ Between 20-25 years old
- ✓ Graduate of Accounting: CPA
- ✓ With strong analytical ability and good report writing skills
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Interested applicants may submit their Letter of Application, Resumé & Transcript of Records to:

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Prefer a CNE and MCSE or equivalent experience.
Qualified applicants will be given a skills assessment.

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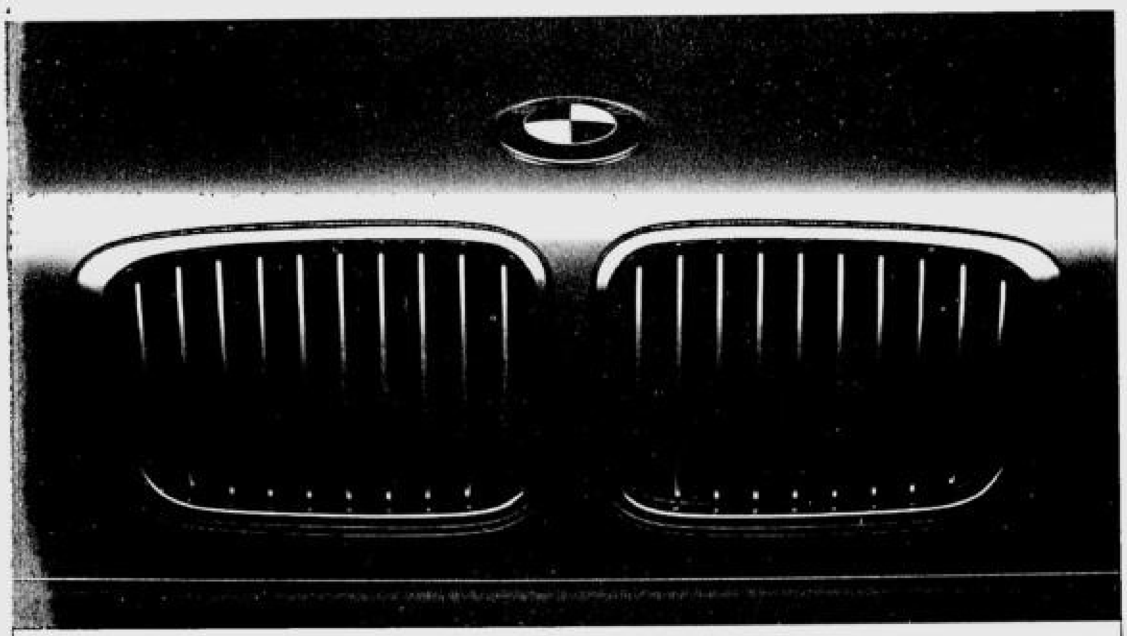

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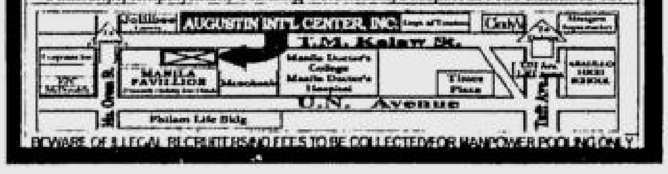

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By Luis

POSTCARDS from the CORPORATE EDGE

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Usually, commuters try to sleep, read something or use their cell phones. But you can't really sleep—you just try to; you can't concentrate on what you're reading—not with everyone looking at you; and you've got second thoughts in bringing out your cell phone—thanks to those snatchers. So instead of drumming your fingers impatiently, here are five tips to make your jeepney ride worthwhile.

1. Jazz up your fashion sense. In lieu of window-shopping, try people watching. There will always be better-dressed individuals than you are in clothes that are conservative or trendy, branded or unbranded. You can compare your get-up and look with theirs, from head to toe, from caps to sneakers. Just don't stare at them too long at them so as not to be mistaken for a homosexual or a pickpocket.

2. Exercise those muscles. Rush hour traffic will force you to sit at the edge of the seat, literally. So instead of glaring angrily at your seatmates to give you space, take advantage of the situation and start exercising. First, make sure your legs are squared to shoulders, and then transfer your weight to your lower extremities. This is good for the thigh and calf muscles. For your upper body workout, grab those stainless handlebars overhead to carry your weight. This is good for the arm muscles, biceps and triceps. You can also make "*sabit*" with the same result. Just don't forget proper breathing while doing these, that is, inhale then exhale.

3. Brush up your vocabulary. You can play word factory as you make up words from the different plate numbers. Example, PWD can mean powder or powered, TVN is television, thriving, or tavern and NYE can stand for anywhere. You can always improvise because there no rules here. Take note, too, of those thought provoking quotes that will maybe, just maybe, help you in life like, "God knows Judas not pay," or "*Magbayad ng maaga para di maabala*" or "*Basta't* driver, sweet lover."

4. Develop your speech power. Afraid of speaking in front of many people? Well, to get rid of it, you have to start somewhere. Here's your chance to speak in front of strangers. First, you have to sit farthest from the driver and speak in a loud and clear voice those often ignored words such as "*Bayad po*," "*Bayad daw*" or "*Sa tabi lang, boss.*" If results are unsatisfactory, try it on a jeepney with loud stereos on and better yet, bring along a noisy and conversant friend.

5. Try fasting. Fasting is a proven method of cleansing our system and it's good to practice it once in a while. So if you decide to go through this, don't forget to forget your meal for the day. Since you'll be stuck in traffic for two or more hours, you have no choice but to endure headache and dizziness. After that, you'll feel very, very fine and you'll feel like new man. Not convinced? Bring along a headache tablet, just in case.

Now if you find these tips foolish or boring, you can always go back what you've been doing or you might as well try peering out the window while craning your neck left and right. Happy trip!

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Obstacles...

(From page K14)

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Lessons

But before you rush headlong to your new job, it is also good to process your experience with your last employer and gain lessons from it. You may encounter the same situation in the future and it will not be good if your response to such a situation would again be a resignation. Perhaps you could ask yourself, "What could I have done to improve my situation? Was I able to communicate my good intentions to my supervisor? Was I able to understand their expectations from me as an employee and coworker? Was I able to suggest to my supervisor some ways that I could possibly have work that would be challenging for me?"

If there is one thing that will not change in the workplace, it is this: there are many problems that one will encounter in the workplace. Some may be of lesser burden than what you experienced; others graver. What's important is, before you consider resigning, look first at other options that you can take to solve the problem. Obstacles are actually learning opportunities in disguise. Once you learn to "jump the bar" or hurdle the obstacles, you will have acquired the basic skills in surviving and thriving in the wonderful, but sometimes woeful, world of work.

(Going through my Inbox yesterday, I saw many email messages which I have not been able to answer. My apologies to those who sent these email messages. Please be advised that due to personal limitations, I can answer your email only once a month through this section. I will try to address similar concerns in one article to be able to tackle several email requests. You may send your email to rreyes@inquirer.com.ph. *On a weekly basis, you can get career advice by tuning in to "People at Work sa DZRH" on 666 on your AM dial. This is a program I host together with the former DOLE secretary, Atty. Benny Laguesma, and veteran broadcasters Ruth Abao Espinosa and Andy Verde every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.)*

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What does volunteering have to do with work?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I just started at a law firm where they require all the attorneys to take on a pro-bono client. I feel like I've got my hands full with my paying clients. I don't want to pick a fight with my new bosses, but I'm having trouble with this policy.

If It's Mandatory,
How Can I Be Volunteering?

First, for the benefit of readers who aren't lawyers, let me offer this little instructional quiz:

Pro-bono is:

a. Sonny Bono's oldest son;

b. The professional version of amateur bono;

c. What a butcher gives his dog;

d. The practice of providing expertise for free.

(The correct answer is "d.")

It's easy to see pro-bono work as an encumbrance-work you have to do when you could be billing clients. But the reality is, when it's carefully chosen, pro-bono work offers as much to the volunteer as it does to the "voluntee." It should be thought of as "strategic volunteering"—working in an area where you can both give and get.

Here's an example. Several years ago I ran a nonprofit organization. A savvy ad agency took us on as a pro-bono client-partially out of the goodness of their hearts, but mostly because our adventurous organization gave them a chance to show more creativity than their regular corporate clients would allow. Three months later, we had a slick new promotional campaign—and the agency won a prestigious local advertising award. Their return on this "freebie" far surpassed any "lost" revenue.

Strategic volunteering isn't just for corporations; it works for individuals, too. It can boost your skills (and your sense of accomplishment) in work as well as in "real life." The following questions should help you develop your strategy.

Can you use this as a chance to strengthen your skills? You may be dynamite when it comes to litigation, but a dud at writing briefs. Pick your weakest area and find a client who needs that kind of help.

Can you use this as a chance to learn more about your clients? Whether you're a lawyer serving corporate clients or a salesman hawking copier machines, spending time with your clients is the best way to learn how to serve them. Pick a volunteer gig that puts you where you can learn the most.

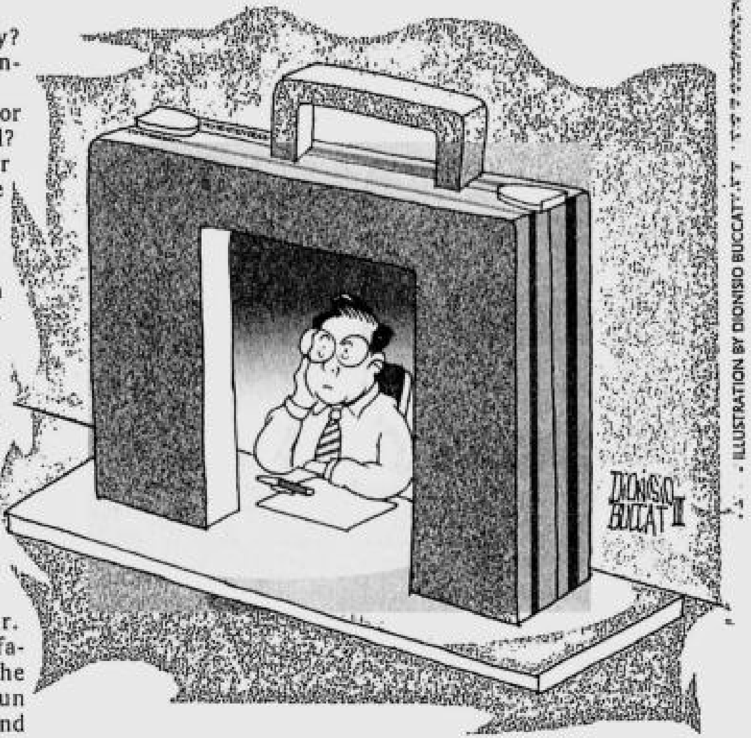
What have you always wanted to do? It's fantasy time! What have you never done because you were too busy earning money? Here's your chance! Indulge.

Do you ever get bored or take your life for granted? We all tend to narrow our lives to the comfortable and familiar. Nothing wrong with that. But stretching outside that world can generate an exhilarating new perspective.

Consider volunteering for a homeless shelter, or for a nonprofit in an ethnic community other than your own. You may never view your life the same way again.

Most workers have to beg their employers for time off to volunteer. Yours are doing you a favor! So go ahead; do the pro-bono. It's more fun than the "Macarena" and it'll make Congressman Sonny proud.

(Mr. Rosner is the author of "The Boss's Survival Guide," McGraw Hill 2001, and "Working Wounded," Warner 2000, a speaker and founder of the award-winning Working Wounded.com and Retention Evangelist.com. He is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. Email him at bob@workingwounded. com.)



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Business on the move is commonplace

THE BIGGEST change at work will be our place of work. Working from home or out of the office willl become more popular and plausible. Being able to work wherever you like: from a busy metropolis to a picture postcard village, canal boat, or beach, will become a reality. Futurists predict that the "office" could vanish into cyberspace and be replaced by a new wave of virtual offices. Instead, workers will be linked by advanced communications and informations systems. A central processing computer controlled by the manager would send out work shedules and oversee activity of each employee. As a successor to the Web Cam, video screens would be preferred as the need for more natural forms of interaction than e-mail or telephones grow. The ability to divine mood from the expressions of work colleagues, would allow managers to better judge the disposition of their staff and thus respond more positively and relevantly. And the ability to view and communicate with several employees at once would increase efficiency by reducing duplication. Meanwhile, if employees were encouraged to feed information that may be useful to fellow workers into the computer, the company would work more effectively. Password protection and the fact that it contains a record of all conversations and correspondence for future reference would make the information in the computer the company's lifeblood, and the computer itself the repository of all confidential information.

The only drawback to all these advancements is that your employer will be able to track your every move. The Internet already traces your movement without you knowing it. The server you use to connect to the web has an Internet Provider address, which is left behind, in the log file of every web site you visit. Mobile phone conversations can be intercepted by sophisticated devices known as 'IMSI catchers'. Also, even when your phone isn't in use, it is constant contact with the base station, automatically informing on where you are.

In short, the new world of work will be fully digitised, monitored and remote-controlled. But we shouldn't be too disheartened, as ultimately, advanced technologies will bring more freedom and more choice in the way we work in the future. With more advanced, portable and wireless technology, we won't necessarily need to stay at home or in the office. We'll be "truly mobile"—easily able to connect to the company while sitting at a local café or the beach from anywhere in the world, that is of course, if you don't mind big brother contantly watching over you.

(Excerpted from Thomson / DBM's Tomorrow's World Of Work Series.)

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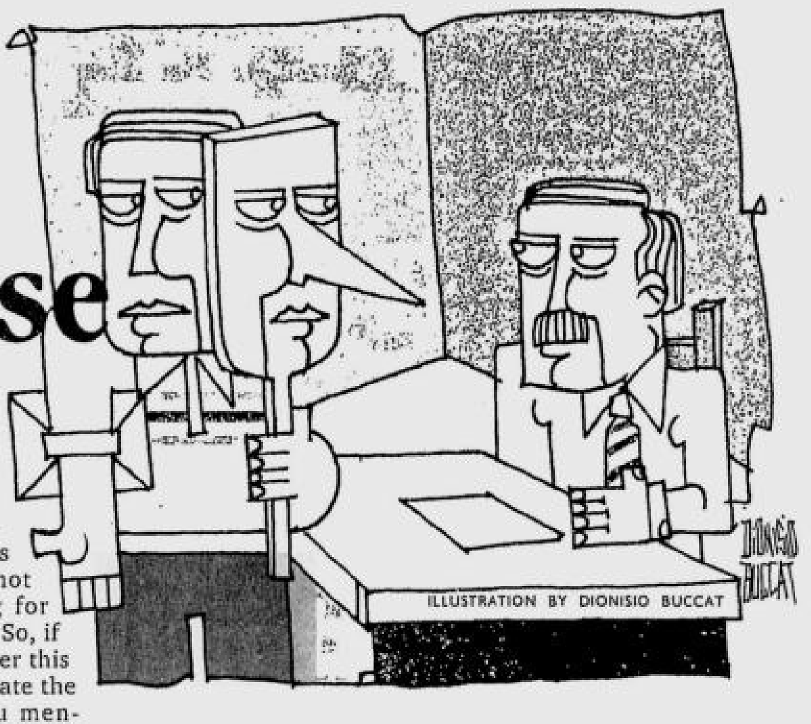
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By Regina Galang Reyes

HERE'S a reader with an interview dilemma: "First of all, I would like to thank you for writing articles on Marketing Brand 'You.' It really helps me to find myself in the world of working individuals. May I seek advice on how to effectively handle job interviews? I am a graduate of one of the prestigious universities in Manila, a dean's lister (although not a consistent one).

"I have recently resigned from the company. My reasons for leaving the company were: 1) I felt that my supervisor was limiting my ability to work by not giving me enough projects to work on; 2) When there was nothing else to do, I had to pretend that I was working so that my department head would not scold me for not working; 3) When I tried to find work by helping my coworkers on some of their workload, my supervisor would call my attention on why I was getting their work. I told my supervisor that they needed help in order to finish work quickly. I thought that if I were in my supervisor's shoes, my initiative would lessen the overtime pay of the company and the employees would have enough rest.

"Do you think I made the right decision in resigning? I am currently looking for a job. What should I tell interviewers when they ask me why I resigned? I'm afraid they will think that I was terminated due to insubordination."

Interviewers often ask the question, "Why did you resign from your last company?" They ask this to discover your attitudes towards work and employers. This is a tricky question to answer because many people leave their jobs because there is something in the work, work environment or company that they may not have been satisfied with or did not work out well for them. Satisfied employees normally would not think of looking for greener pastures. So, if you were to answer this pointblank and state the reasons that you mentioned, the interviewer may have the impression that you are a) a complainer; 2) not able to relate well with superiors, 3) easily discouraged. In other words, the interviewer may get a negative image of you.

Truthfulness

Now, I am not recommending that you tell a lie or evade the answer. Nor do I suggest you take the "Fifth Amendment" like the child in "The Witness" (this means you don't answer because you may incriminate yourself by your truthful testimony). Sooner or later, the interviewer will find out the real score, if not from your body language, then from a background check that human resources departments do on applicants. I am also not suggesting that you state the "bald truth" which can jeopardize your application.

What you can do is to reword your answer in such a way as to remain truthful but not malign the reputation of your previous employer.

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Young HR manager faces many challenges

By Tita Datu Puangco

I'M an avid reader of your column. From the way that you've been giving advice on the different problems of corporate people, I'm gaining knowledge and tips on management. I want to seek advice on my situation right now. I'm blessed with the position of head of the human resources department of a newly established company, even though I am only 24 years old.

Since it is a new company, I need to set-up everything, from the HR systems to the company policies. So far, my boss says that I'm doing well enough, even though my previous experience is limited.

As an officer, I know that I should have vast knowledge in managing my people and thus, I need to learn more. Can you give me advice on how to manage people even at my young age? The employees in our company are five to 10 years older than I, and some of them don't want to change their working habits. They don't want to learn new systems and procedures.

I want to be an effective leader even at my age. I'm also willing to read books and attend seminars so that I can develop my personality and leadership skills. Office politics and gossip have also been our problem. Can you give tips on how to lessen them for us to have unity in our workplace? Thank you very much.

Anxious HR

Advice
FOR THE
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AT WORK

Congratulations! You must really be talented to be entrusted with such an important and critical job. Age should not be an issue. Exercise firmness, fairness and ethical conduct and gain the respect of the older people in the company. You need firmness because you have to think through situations carefully and objectively, be clear on your decision criteria and therefore, be able to defend decisions without losing composure. You need fairness and ethical conduct because you have to always think in terms of the common good rather than the interest only of your person or function.

Right steps

On the issue of managing change, you can learn the art of leadership communication and planning for transitions. Older people may have difficulty adjusting to changes, but they are not unreasonable. What is important is to spend time explaining the issues and providing them with the right mindset and competencies to manage change.

Your action to develop policies and systems is the step in the right direction. Systems and policies are the necessary structures to enable the company to acquire the discipline needed for human resource action and decision.

After the "systematization" phase, you can try to think in a more strategic manner. Together with your staff, develop a vision and mission for your function and set service norms.

Do strategic planning for your unit. I have helped many human resource heads in the past who are now well positioned in their companies because they prepared themselves to embrace strategic roles in the company. They organized quickly the administrative side and developed themselves in the value added fields of labor relations, organization effectiveness and competency development enabling them to become almost like business partners with top management.

Assistance

If you desire, we can coach and counsel you, review your current competencies and develop a development roadmap. Ancilla has a competency assessment center that can help you identify your baseline and set development and even career goals for the immediate and long-term period. You can get your profile on key areas critical for success in human resources, get a competency assessment, personalized counseling and coaching. We can also provide you a reading program to learn from human resource experts. We also have the Ancilla Business Training Center that can help you quickly skill up on key human resource areas.

Then, consider becoming a member of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines, where you can learn from experienced mentors as well as open yourself to more seminars and development interventions. May you continue in the coming years to have the enthusiasm for learning in the human resource profession.

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Feedback

By the way, we received the following feedback from a reader on last week's article on "Biases hinder friendship at work:" "Thank you for your article, which is so timely! I also work in an office where some colleagues are Muslims. I think your suggestion of trying the 'art of Christian loving' will help create better understanding between Muslims and Christians in our country especially in Mindanao. How I wish that there would be other groups, both in the Church and in civil society, who will adhere to it! Sincerely yours, Josie C."

(Ms Puangco is CEO and chair of Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting. Send comments, feedback or requests for advice through e-mail to advice@ancillaedc.com.ph *or fax to 892-2902.)*

John Paul II, a model 'president'

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

IF the Catholic Church were an ordinary company, then John Paul II, the successor of Peter, would be a model president. One of his outstanding traits as a leader is his ability to zero in, to focus, on whoever is before him at any given moment. If you've seen him on TV or in the papers during the World Youth Day coverage or at dialogues with world leaders, you may have noticed that—whether he is embracing the Dalai Lama or kissing a black, brown, yellow or white teenager—he would appear totally lost in the other person, as if at that moment, no one else mattered in the whole world but that person before him.

Watch his body language: he doesn't merely extend his hand to be kissed, engage in *beso-beso* or give communion while his eyes gaze elsewhere; he actually beholds the person in front of him, as if to say: "The Christ in me is hungry for the Christ in you!" He makes a person feel important, very important—and that's magical. Now, if only our bigwigs in the workplace could have a fraction of that magic...

Sad to say, many (if not majority) of our bosses are quite the opposite: they read the papers while talking to you; they walk past you as if the whole world owes them an adoring gaze; they keep glancing at their watch while listening to you; and they have good manners for a few but not for you. In short, they're put-down masters. "President" John Paul II humbles himself, and in so doing, lifts others up.

Are you a big boss in the workplace? It won't hurt to imitate JP II once a week, would it?

(Email the author at avemaria@csi.com.ph.*)*

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

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Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven..."

Church in the workplace

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

WHAT has grown to be the largest 'company' in the whole world, the Roman Catholic Church, had been founded by a carpenter from Nazareth on someone who is but an ordinary fisherman, Peter the Apostle. The founder and foundation, both plain and humble workers of their times, have shown that one's lowly profession may not be an obstacle to the establishment and growth of the church, the community, which holds "the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

This church continues to grow in our times not only because of the work of the "men of the cloth" but also because of the faith and life of the laity, the ordinary members in the market place and the workplace, which is the great majority in the church. The growth of the church does not consist only in the increasing number of membership but above all, in the intensified community-building efforts of its members, not only in the church grounds, but also in the work environment.

The laity can and should transform the workplace into a veritable community of persons relating with one another not only on the basis of job descriptions and titles, but on the genuine awareness of each other as persons loved by Christ. When each person in the company, in both management and labor ranks, treats another as Christ looked at Peter, as a person He can trust and empower, then the company becomes a "church," a workplace where each one feels safe and warm, and against which "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail."

(Email the author at mfvg@skyinet.net.*)*

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By *Tinna S. Bonifacio*
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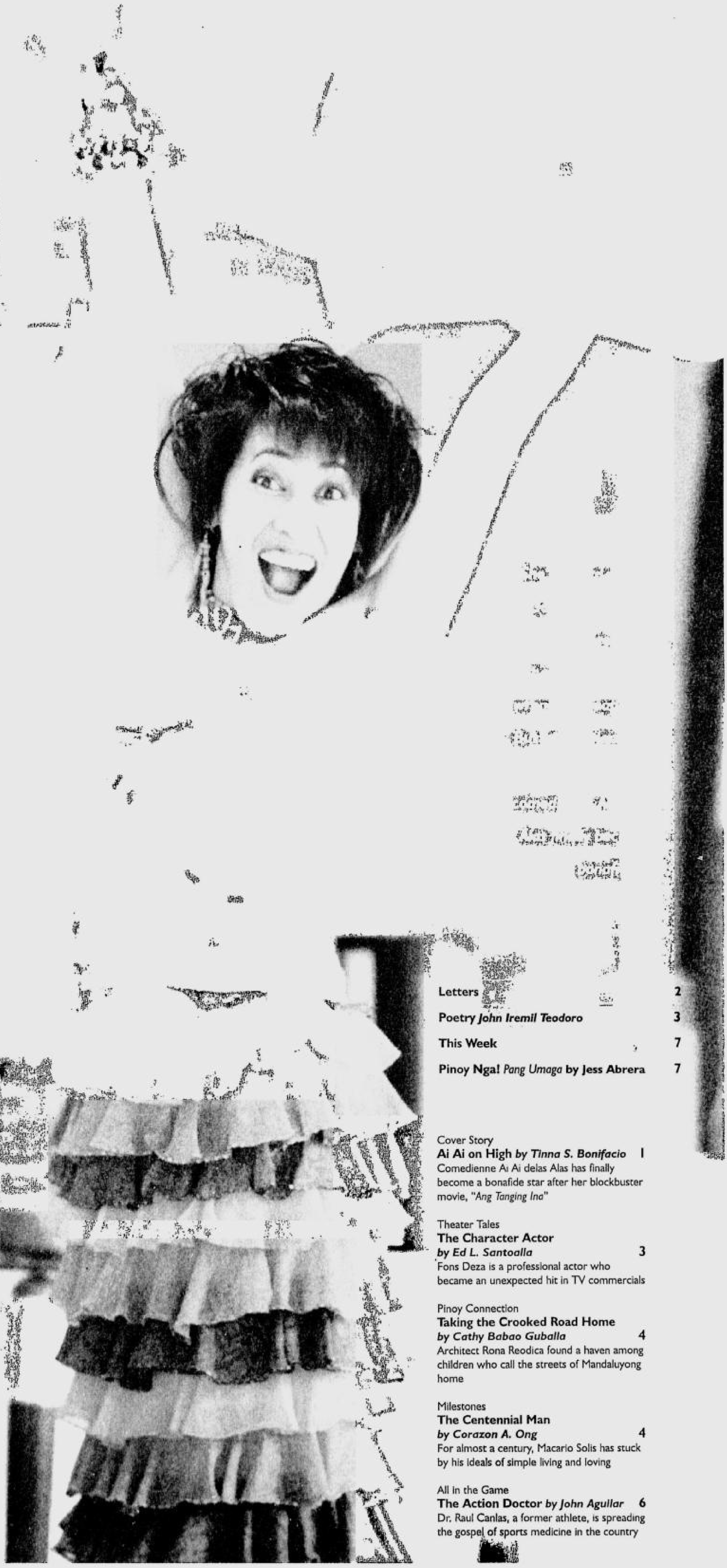

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Ai Ai

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In the beautiful home she worked hard for: "I've been blessed!"

When Star Cinema's Malou Santos called her at the MTB studios to relay the good news, Ai Ai was so relieved that she cried. All she could manage to say was "Thank you. Thank you *po*." But by the time the initial exhilaration died down, her thoughts started to swing in another direction entirely. "I was thinking about the Lord's plan for me, because He gave me this blessing. And I thought, now that the movie is earning, *baka kunin na ako ni* Lord!" (the Lord might call me home), she laughs.

But even if He did, Ai Ai wouldn't mind. She's ready to go anytime, she says. But what about her children? Ai Ai's character in the movie had 12 children by three husbands. In real life, she is also a single mom to three kids: Sancho, Nicolo and Sophia. "I know if He does get me, He won't leave my children alone, like what was shown in the movie," she says. "He has never left me. Sometimes I'm even embarrassed to ask for any more because I've been given so much."

Yes, God has been good to Ai Ai delas Alas. He has blessed her with steady work, a beautiful home in an upper-middle class subdivision in Quezon City, a Jaguar, a Ford Expedition and a new Nissan Exalta that she bought as a present for her kids, to take them to and from school. That's not even counting the house (she recently bought the vacant lot next to her house and converted it into a garage for the cars she now owns) or the money she has in the bank.

But most valuable of all is the security of knowing that she is successful in her career, and in providing for her loved ones, something she dreamed of doing all her life. "*Ako na siguro ang* living legend, *'neng. Ako ang patunay sa kasabihan na ang buhay ng tao, nag-iiba. Nadadaan lang sa tiyaga at dasal.*" (I'm proof of the adage that a person's life can change. You just have to work hard and pray.)

The best thing about her success, she says, is that God has enabled her to be a blessing to others. Aside from her generosity to family and friends, Ai Ai does charity work. People never found out because she doesn't talk about it.

Despite everything she's enjoying now, it's hard to hate her. No one would dispute the fact that it couldn't have happened to a nicer, more deserving person.

But Ai Ai's current success didn't come without a price. It took 38 years of her life, an adoption, two failed relationships and a so-so career that took 14 years to hit its stride. Her life story, which was depicted in a "*Maala-ala Mo Kaya*" episode, is so melodramatic it would have had enough left over for at least a sequel.

The day after MMK was aired, former live-in partner Miguel Vera, father of her two youngest children, sent her a text message to let her know how he felt. "Miguel was contesting that he didn't punch me in the stomach. I told him, the point of that was to show that he beat me up, and that really happened!"

It took Ai Ai years to realize that her relationship with Miguel wasn't going anywhere. Because she came from a broken family, she'd decided that she was going to preserve the one she had at all costs. "*Gusto ko sana, buo ang pamilya ko. Kaya sabi ko noon, kahit ano, titiisin ko. Kaya lang, nakakapagod din pala. Pagod na pagod na ako,*" says Ai Ai. (I wanted my family to be whole. I said I would bear anything to make it so. But it was so tiring. I was so tired.)

MMK also touched on Ai Ai's being adopted. Ai Ai was only 7 when she found out. "*Di naman kasi namin napag-uusapan noon. Ang nanay ko kasi, hindi masalita 'yon, eh.*" (We never talked about it. My mother didn't talk much.)

Growing up away from her parents was painful. "I did wonder how it would feel to be with my real mother," she admits. But instead of running away and going back to her real parents, Ai Ai toughed it out, a decision that helped prepare her for what else life had in store.

At this point in her life, Ai Ai has made her peace with her family. More important, she's made her peace with herself. God is her father and husband, she says. She is no longer ruled by the need to have a man in her life. "I'm not closing the door, though," clarifies Ai Ai. "It depends. I always tell my female friends, if they're just going to hurt you, never mind. They're just men. There are many other things we can do, right?"

Life has taught her a lot about being a single mom. She drew on these lessons to act out her part in "*Ang Tanging Ina.*" It's what made her so credible in the role. She was so good that even Vilma Santos has been saying she's willing to put her money on Ai Ai winning a Best Actress award in next year's acting derbies.

What exactly did she learn that she might share with other single moms? "I learned patience. To have faith in God. And more than anything, to trust our children. We have to trust our children, and we have to trust ourselves, *na tama ang ginawa nating pagpapalaki sa kanila kahit na wala ang mga tatay nila*" (That we raised them right even without their fathers), she says.

Of course, the lessons weren't easy for her to learn. Many times, she had to eat humble pie, like when it was son Nicolo's birthday and she had no money in the bank. She had to borrow just so she could give the boy a birthday party. Other times, she had to walk long distances because she didn't have enough money even for jeepney fare. And like her character in the movie, she took on various jobs just so she could make ends meet. "*Kung anu-ano ang ginawa ko.* I tried so many jobs just to earn money. Well, I didn't become a construction worker and carried hollow blocks like in the movie, *pero parang gan'on na rin 'yon,*" she laughs. "I did everything for my children."

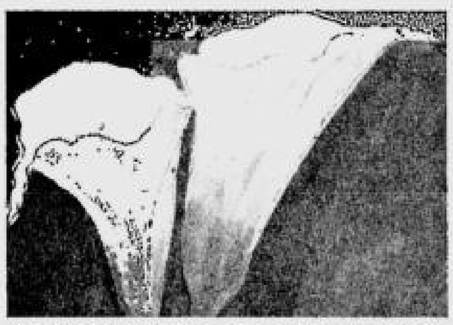
This year, her daughter Sophia's birthday party was held at the posh Fernwood Gardens in Quezon City. Things like these make Ai Ai smile and feel proud of how far she's come. "What happened was really okay," she says. "I took care of them by myself. Financially and morally, *ako lang lahat 'yon.* I'm so blessed."

Because of everything she's been through, Ai Ai feels closer to God than ever before. "Because of everything I've been through, *ang tibay ng* bonding *ko sa Diyos.* He knows all the hardship I went through. I cried for each and every one of them. But I've proven how much God really loves me!"

The success of "*Ang Tanging Ina*" is the best proof of how much God loves her, indeed. He's even given her a bonus: a movie called "Pinay Pie," with Joyce Jimenez and Assunta de Rossi, intended for the Metro Manila Film Festival in December 2003. "I'm starring with sexy stars now. *Kaya n'yo ba yun?!*" she laughs. On November 29, she returns to the Araneta Coliseum for another comedy concert.

Then there's still the possibility of a sequel to "*Ang Tanging Ina.*" "So many people found the movie entertaining, *pero walang bastos,*" she says. It is the story of a mother who triumphed over the odds. Stripped of the glow of showbiz, it is revealed as the story of Ai Ai delas Alas herself—a story of perseverance, faith, persistence and love.

We are family: With co-stars (clockwise from left) Serena Dalrymple, Jiro Manio and Yuki Kaduka



FLORIADE, Ivi Avellana-Cosio's latest exhibition of paintings opens on Wednesday, July 2, 5 p.m. at Le Soufflé Bistro Ortigas. Best-known for her large abstractions based on ethnic designs and the ancient Filipino syllabary called alibata, Avellana-Cosio returns in this show to an enduring passion—nature's fabulous world of flowers. Floriade will be on view during dining hours until July 31. *For more of This Week see page 7*

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ALESSANDRA THE GREAT

I would like to commend you on your story featuring Alessandra de Rossi (**SIM**, June 8, 2003). I admire her strong personality and sense of humor.

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND EDITORS

I wrote to let you know that I enjoyed your most recent issue, the one on photographers (**SIM**, June 15, 2003). I'm just a leisure photographer, but am surrounded by people who really want to improve their photo skills. Needless to say, we all enjoyed the issue. I was actually surprised to find out there are so many different kinds of photographers.

I did wish that some of the articles were longer — and thought the article on Eddie Boy Escudero was funny. He was supposedly the wedding photographer in the group — yet you didn't include a wedding photo. (I hope that the Patricia Javier pic was not supposed to be one. Hehehe.)

For a future issue, may I suggest a Magazine Editors' Issue? Similar to The Photographers' Issue, I hope you can interview the editors-in-chief of the top local magazines. I love magazines, and am quite pleased to see that the local magazine industry has grown so much in recent years. The quality is now really world-class. But we know very little about the people who deliver this to us every month — aside from the editor's letter. The beauty of this issue being done by the INQUIRER is that you can gather the editors from the top three publishing houses--Summit Media, Mega Magazine and ABS-CBN Publishing. There can be one editor from each magazine type, for example, An Alcantara (Metro Working Mom — Housewives), Anton San Diego (Philippine Tattler — Society), Eric Ramos (FHM — Men), Pauline Juan (Preview — Fashion).

Sylvia Torres

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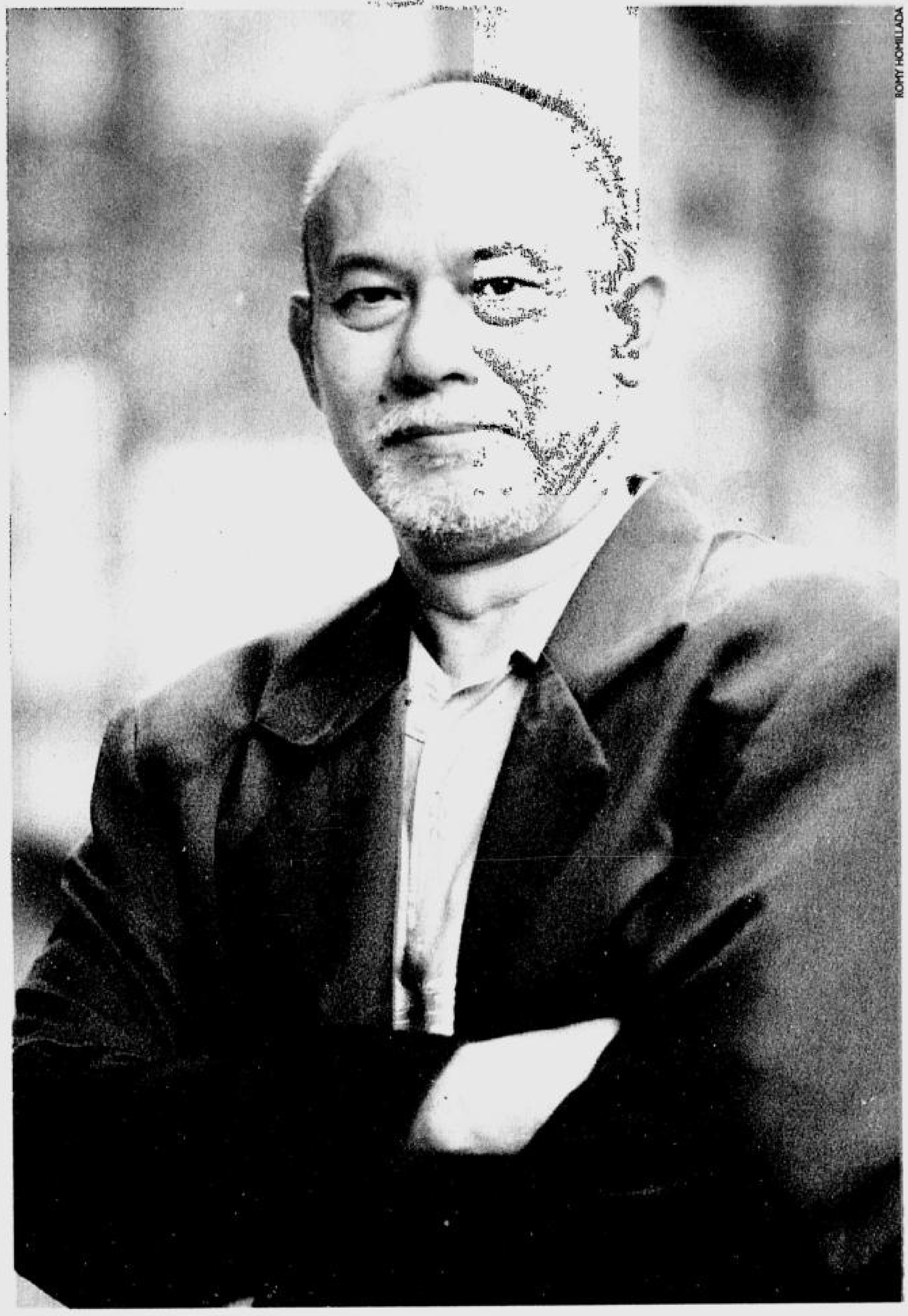
Theater Tales

By Ed L. Santoalla

The Character Actor


ROMY HOMILLADA

FOR someone who acts on stage, film and television, celebrity came to Alfonso "Fons" Deza not from these performance milieus, but from the world of advertising. This is a fact that at times embarrasses him no end, especially in the company of fellow thespians he feels are more popular than he.

There was this one time, says Fons, when playing what he describes as the "minor" role of Lord Montague in a presentation of "Romeo and Juliet," he received the biggest applause from the audience at curtain call.

"Nakakahiya (It was embarrassing)," recalls Fons about such a response that he ascribed not so much to his performance as to his being introduced to the audience as the *"suportahan ta ka"* guy in that PLDT TV commercial a few years back.

Call it the power of recall in advertising, but that commercial, featuring a young man in long distance consultation with his father about a change of academic plans, was what brought Fons to "top of mind" (to use adspeak) with his "Romeo and Juliet" audience and his *"suportahan ta ka"* line.

Celebrity has since intensified for this 52-year-old veteran of theater and the communication arts, particularly with his appearance in another TV commercial, this time for a shampoo, where he plays a grieving widower about to lose his only daughter (played by model Grace Tagle) to marriage.

In a somnolent voice, father-of-the-bride Fons intones that now equally famous *"Nawala na ang nanay mo"* line with an unmistakable tremolo, while dolorously staring down at the picture of his dearly departed spouse.

Because of those ads, seldom now does Fons go malling without anyone recognizing him and exclaiming *"Ikaw yun!* (You're that guy!)" Not that he is complaining.

Showbiz celebrity has come relatively late to this eldest of three children of Ilonggo doctor-poet Ernesto Cabangal Deza, now deceased, of La Paz, Iloilo, and his Ilongga schoolteacher-wife Mary Madrid Brillantes of Banate, Iloilo.

Fons has been acting since the early '70s, when he first earned his thespic chops with Panday Sining, theater arm of the radical student group Kabataang Makabayan. He later joined Dulaang Babaylan, a theater group active in the early years of martial law that specialized in the adaptation of indigenous theatrical forms such as the *senakulo* and the *moro-moro.*

"We were the first group after the declaration of martial law to stage a presentation along a subversive theme," says Fons. This was the play *"Sinakulo,"* which saw Fons acting with the likes of playwright-historian-critic Nic Tiongson and director-production designer Des Bautista, in a play about the commercialization of religion that risked the ire of the Marcosian thought police. Fons' most vivid recollection of that production was the cross plastered all over with product brands and logos of multinational companies operating in the Philippines.

While performing with Babaylan and a number of other theater groups, Fons proceeded with academic studies that, in 1976, would earn him a degree in broadcast communication from the then-Institute of Mass Communication of the University of the Philippines. This would launch Fons on a career path that essentially explains how and why he arrived late, in terms of showbiz celebrity-hood.

That path took him to the world of social communication, specifically with the Asian Social Institute (ASI), a Manila-based graduate school of the social sciences, for which Fons worked as publications editor, lecturer on social communications, and group media and deputy communications director from 1980 to 1998.

Fons is now part of the international resource pool of facilitators for social communications of Signis, the social communication arm of the Vatican. He has also held membership in such organizations as the Southeast Asia Catholic Press Association, World Association for Christian Communication, Union Catholique Internationale dela Presse, and Mamamathala, a local organization that devotes itself to the study and promotion of a sacred model of government based on spiritual and material unity.

While being all of these and engaging in post-graduate communication studies at the UP—he earned his masters this year and is now in the doctoral paper chase—Fons turns to acting now and then, mounting the professional stage and guesting in television dramas and film projects. He has appeared in the soaps and sitcoms of ABS-CBN and GMA 7. Film credits range from, among others, the commercial *"Kailangan Kita"* of Star Cinema to the experimental *"Ebolusyon,"* an independent film directed by Lav Diaz. In theater, Fons has been involved in a host of projects, most of which are presentations or adaptations of such classics as "Of Mice and Men," "A Portrait of the Artist as Filipino," and "The Merry Wives of Manila."

Who's that guy in the TV commercials whose lines have become part of Pinoy jargon? Fons Deza is a professional actor and cause-oriented communicator who puts a lot of serious thought into his 30-second stints

Fons considers social communication his bread and butter, but acting is the love of his life. It is a passion that manifests itself in the way he researches techniques to enhance his prowess and deliver a performance worthy of every peso spent by his audience.

His delivery of his line in that shampoo commercial is a case in point. To the uninitiated such as this writer, he sounds like a zombie about to grab and eat the fair lass' brains. He explains such delivery as being informed by Aristotelian "Poetics," which calls for "internalization."

Such technique, Fons explains, lets the actor focus not on the delivery of his lines but on the expression of feeling developed by immersion in the personality of the character. "I was not aware of the way I sounded in that commercial," Fons relates. He says he was more focused on maintaining a state of mind required by the character he was playing.

It is a technique and a theory of acting that Fons says he is constantly validating with every performance. And it seems to be working, judging from the way his performance has grabbed viewer attention more than any other element in that shampoo commercial and before this, the PLDT ad aimed apparently at the telecom giant's provincial market, in which Ilonggo heritage helped Fons a lot in acting the part of the provincial father-figure.

SIM recently caught Fons rehearsing for Anton Chekov's "The Three Sisters," a play about three sisters and a brother living a monotonous Russian provincial middle class life and trying to ease their boredom by reminiscing about life in pre-revolutionary Moscow. The play, where Fons plays Fyodor Ilyich Kulygin, the "profoundly understanding" cuckold of a husband to Masha Sergeyevna (played by Miren Alvarez), one of the three sisters, is directed by eminent Filipino stage director Anton Juan for Dulaang UP, and goes onstage from July 2 to 20. Catch this consummate character actor in action and see more of the style that has made his 30-second appearances such hits in themselves.

Poetry

Elemental

Para kina Armando at Boyet na naligo sa ulan

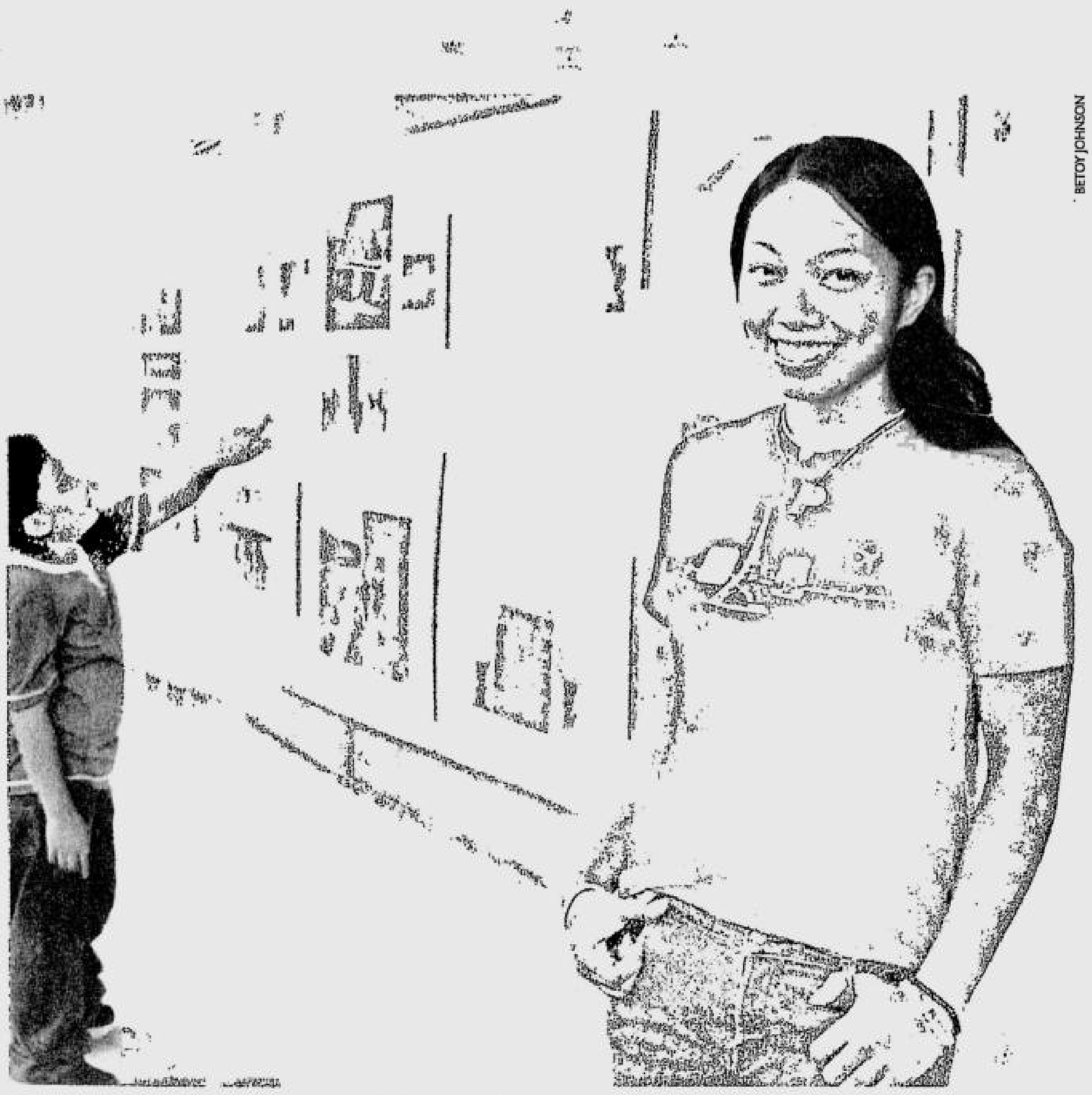
Ganito naguumpisa at nagtatapos
ang isang perpektong sandali.
Hinubad natin ang ating saplot
ng pangamba, hiya at takot
ngayong tanghaling tapat
upang isumite ang ating sarili
sa elemental na sangkap ng kalikasan.
Makulimlim at malakas ang buhos ng ulan.
Pinapahalikan natin sa malinis
na laksa-laksang patak
ang lahat ng sulok ng ating balat.
Nakikipaglaro ang ating talampakan
sa putik habang sumasayaw tayo
sa saliw ng kulog at kidlat.
Nakikiliti lamang tayo sa haplos
ng malamig na hangin
sa ating mukha, likod, dibdib, at hita.
Ubusin man ng langit
sa ating dalawa ang tubig
na inipon nito sa loob ng ilang araw,
hindi nito mapapatay
ang apoy ng saya at ligaya
na umiigwal sa ating puso.
Sa halip ay lalo pa itong magdabadaba.
Muli nating napatunayan
na sa harap ng kapayakan ng kalikasan,
patas ang lahat ng nagmamahal
anuman ang kanilang ideolohiya
at kasarian.

John Iremil Teodoro

Pinoy Connection

By Cathy Babao Guballa

Taking the Crooked Road Home



BETOY JOHNSON

From a comfortable life in New Jersey and Florida, young architect Rona Reodica found a haven among children who call the streets of Mandaluyong home

RONA Reodica was 16 when she first came to visit her parents' homeland back in 1995. She had grown up in New Jersey and Palm Coast in Florida but her parents, Fred and Ellen, who had migrated from Luisiana, Laguna to the United States in 1977, thought it was high time to show the children their roots.

Though Rona enjoyed meeting long lost relatives and had fun on the beaches of Boracay, she was appalled at the general squalor of life in these parts.

"I started questioning why people lived like that and thought that if my parents had not migrated to the US, I could have lived like that. That could have been me living by the railroad tracks," she says.

Their plight inspired Rona to pursue architecture at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana where she graduated in 2001. In October of that same year, she was granted a Fulbright scholarship and found herself back in Manila. Not surprisingly, she chose Housing Development for the Urban Poor in Metro Manila for her field of study.

She immediately went into on-the-job training with the National Housing Authority, sat in during architecture classes at the University of the Philippines and began visiting housing sites for the poor. However, it was her experience with the young boys and girls of the Unang Hakbang Foundation that changed her perspective on Manila's poor, and eventually gave life to her Fulbright project.

She had been in the country close to six months when she learned about this foundation that helps educate and provide the basic necessities for Mandaluyong's streetchildren. "God really works in crooked lines. I had been living across the street from the UHF headquarters in Mandaluyong before I heard about it!"

Working with the UHF children opened new doors and gave Rona insights that she couldn't have gotten with her limited Western experience. "My parents used to tell me stories of what life was like when they were in the Philippines, and now, I appreciate those stories even more because I can understand what they were trying to share with me," she says. "To experience the culture firsthand and live it everyday has really been an adventure. Little things like commuting, buying *kwek-kwek* (battered quail's eggs) and banana-cue from street vendors, interacting with kids on the streets, and seeing how far one can go with such simple means—it is these little encounters that make my experience in Manila whole," says Rona, smiling.

Admittedly, the most memorable part of her Manila experience has been the time she spent with the children at UHF. "I've gotten attached to some of them and it will be hard to leave, but I will always remember little moments like running into these streetkids while they're calling for jeepney passengers whenever I pass by Crossings Department Store at night. Sometimes we'd go have a quick meal together and it's amazing how much I'd learn from them in one short conversation!"

Spending time with the children has kept her grounded, adds Rona. "It's funny because whenever I'd have a bad day here in Manila, the only people I could really turn to were these kids because their simplicity helps to keep me in check."

Rona taught the children art and dance classes at the UHF center during its annual "*Talon, Takbo, Likha*" summer program last year. "The best part about teaching Step (a kind of rhythmic dance popular in the US among the African-American community) was seeing how quickly the children learned the moves and how well they executed them during performances. It's been a year since I taught that class and some kids still remember the moves."

This summer, Rona and her "kids" focused their energies on an art exhibit, one of her last projects with the UHF and the high point of her Fulbright project. Titled "What Home Means to Me—An Art Exhibit by Children from the Streets and Urban Poor Communities," the project yielded insights that touched Rona's heart deeply. Through their drawings and essays, one could see how humble these young children's aspirations are and how positively they viewed their homes despite the fact that they lived in informal settlements. "An outsider may view their homes as mere shacks, but to the children, it's a haven where what matters most is that the family would always be together under one roof."

Rona believes that art and dance therapy is very important in helping streetchildren as it gives them escape—no matter how brief—from the daily struggles of life, and lets them get in touch with their inner selves. "When I watch the kids draw or dance, I see their innocence as children coming out, something some of them try to hide through a tough exterior when they are on the streets," she says.

After her grant is over, Rona hopes to return to the US and participate in the Notre Dame-Puerto Rico Program where she will be volunteering in the second poorest town in Puerto Rico, working on community development to help build a school.

Clearly, wherever God places you there is always the opportunity to better someone's life. "God's crooked lines eventually straighten out," says Rona. "And when you look back you realize that's the road He wanted you to take all along."

VICENTE CARREON

Milestones

By [illegible] A. Ong

For almost a century, Macario [illegible] has [illegible] his ideals of simple [illegible] and [illegible]

The Centennial Man

ROUGHLY three years from now, Marciano Kasilag Solis of Taal, Batangas will turn 100. "When I reached 90, I did not pray for a longer life, because 90 is long enough. I do not say I have a fulfilled life but I have enough blessings," he says.

On top of those blessings are five children, 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. "By the time I reach 101, I hope to have even one great, great grandchild to make my family tree complete, but that is wishful thinking on my part because my great grandchildren are still young."

Solis traces his Taal roots to as far back as his grandparents. "Both my father and grandfather were sugar cane merchants. My mother and grandmother were full-time housewives. Because we were thrifty, all of us eight children were able to finish school."

Save for the two years he spent in Manila as a *pensionado* in the Philippine Normal School (now Philippine Normal University), he hardly left Batangas. He was in Taal when the two World Wars erupted.

"I was still a young boy during World War I. I don't remember much of it except that rice was rationed. Woodrow Wilson was then the US president while Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the American president when World War II broke out," he recalls.

By then, Solis was married with four children, the youngest of whom was six-year-old Lydia. "Towards the end of the war, the Japanese soldiers became ruthless so we went up the mountains of Tagaytay and down to Nasugbu. During the Japanese occupa-

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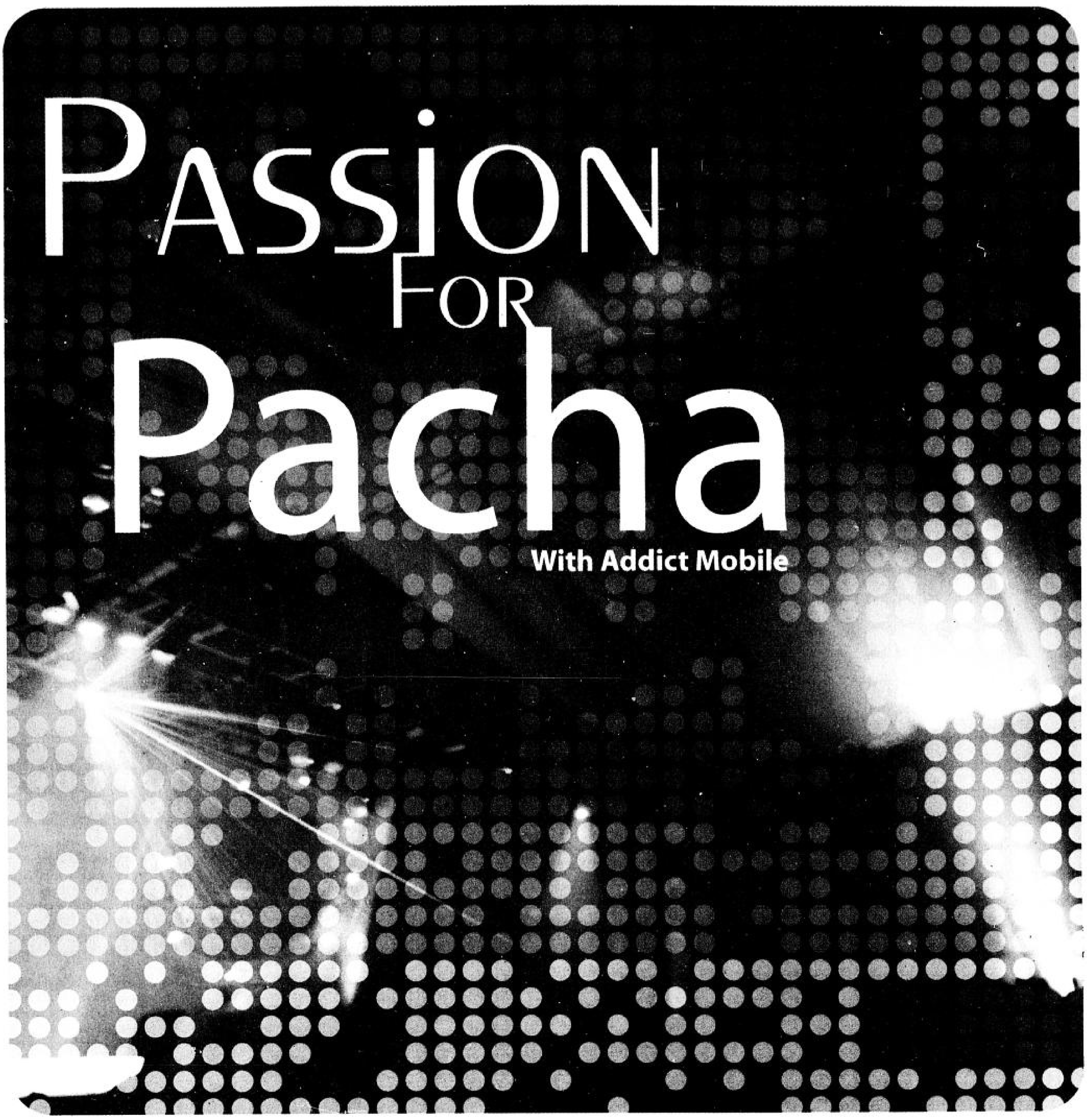

Passion For Pacha

With Addict Mobile

> "Pacha captures the soul of house music. A place where your senses are heightened through the perfect blend of good production, great music and a gorgeous crowd."

Pacha – a name synonymous with glamor, glitz, and a whole lot of attitude descended unto a throng of privileged Manila clubbers last Thursday, June 12. It was quite fitting that our nation's Independence Day be celebrated alongside one of Ibiza's most popular club nights, for it is through independent deed and thought that freedom is truly felt.

Opened in 1973, Pacha was once the playground of the rich and famous during the decadent 1970s and 80s. In recent times the club has become Ibiza's most famous international dance export because of its unique portrayal of the authentic Balearic experience.

Roses greeted the guests that filtered through the NBC tent and the jam-packed Addict Mobile booth. As per every Big Fish event, the tent was lavishly decorated – bright red cherries, white drapes and a rainbow of flashing lights complemented the luxurious bar at the center and the opulent VIP sections that rose on a platform from each side. Dancers adorned every corner of the room decked-out in glamorous white outfits with sexy red trimmings. This was Ibiza all right, the only difference being that outside the NBC tent there was no beach or bright orange sunrise. "Pacha is all about how we should listen to house music," says Angela Gray of Conspiracy Management, "being a club promoter, I really appreciate how the interiors, soundsystem, and music brought the proper environment to a knowledgeable, good-looking crowd."

DJ TC once again played a beautiful warm-up set that summed up all the best elements of an eclectic house catalogue. Deep, funky, yet upbeat and lively, TC gently caressed the crowd of hip young things towards losing their inhibitions on the dancefloor. By the time Pacha's very own Juan Diaz took to center stage the crowd were on their feet screaming for the next big tune to slam through the massive yet crisp soundsystem. "The soundsystem was gorgeous, it really added a lot of punch to the music and the atmosphere," said Adrian Cuenca, professional DJ. Apparently the rest of the 2,000 clubbers who came that night felt the same way. DJ Juan Diaz, originally from Spain, dropped the local classic "Dark Beat" and the immense setting – DJ, crowd, interior, et al - jumped to the pumping tribal beat as one.

Conspiracy Management once again provided a fitting climax to the night by organizing another Big Fish after-party at Wherelse? Dubbed L8R, the official after-party of Pacha featured legendary underground DJ Kevin Ruiz carrying on the Pacha tradition of fine music, fine crowd, and great atmosphere by playing a brilliant set to the stylish Addict Mobile crowd. The young clubbing crowd just could not get enough of the trendy vibe created by the Pacha crew that the intimate venue could hardly contain all of them.

The smoke has cleared, the dust has settled and Pacha has left Manila. These images of another successful and glamorous night should paint a fair picture of the legacy of Pacha. Somewhere, somehow, through the crowd, the smoke machine, the laser lights, and the lovely women there was a beat – the beat of life, of passion, of freedom and independence.

DJ Juan Diaz

Vina Morales... Dazzled & Dazzling!

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All in the Game

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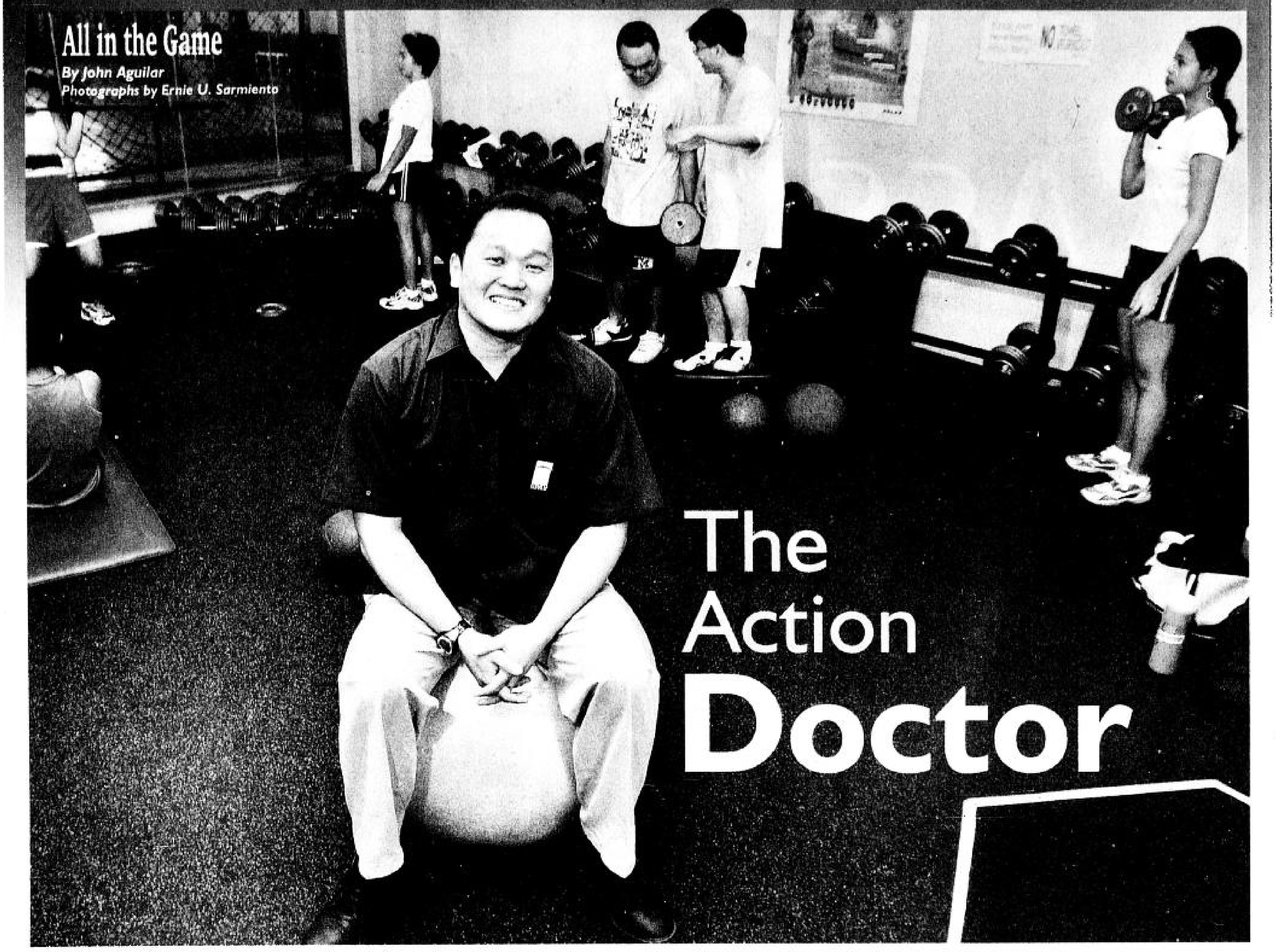


The Action Doctor

A former athlete himself, Dr. Raul Canlas is spreading the gospel of sports medicine in the country

IT is sad that whenever one hears or reads of Dr. Jose Raul Canlas, it is usually when news of a star athlete being injured is made public. The fear, however, is eased by the fact that the patient is in good hands, since Canlas is widely recognized as one of the top sports medicine doctors in the Philippines, responsible for the rehabilitation of many of the country's best athletes.

Among those he has helped was a basketball player from National University who suffered from jumper's knee, an injury common to basketball players. Canlas would treat him and even give him free knee straps at one point, always refusing to be compensated for his help. "He would always tell us to pay some other time, especially those who really needed help," the player says. To this day, even after PBA MVP honors, the player still goes to Canlas for treatment of his injuries. The player's name? Danny Ildefonso.

Born to a pathologist father who lectured at the UP College of Medicine and a homemaker mother, Canlas was destined to be come a doctor of athletes, since he was one of them not too long ago.

His patients may not be aware of it, but the man treating their sprains and strains once held the UAAP 110-meter hurdles junior record as a member of the Ateneo high school track and field team. He later moved on to the national track team while taking up marine biology at UP. Inevitably the rigors of college life forced him to let go of the sport, and after taking up orthopedic surgery at UP-PGH, Canlas took up Orthopedic Sports Medicine at the Minneapolis Sports Medicine Center.

Since his arrival in 1994, Canlas has served as consultant for the Philippine Center for Sports Medicine (PCSM) at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, and the Institute of Sports Medicine at the St. Luke's Medical Center. In 1997 he became the medical director of the PCSM, and concurrently Section Chief of the Sports Medicine Section at St. Luke's. His responsibilities include "overseeing the health and well-being of the 800 or so national athletes under the PSC," as well as coordinating with different institutions.

His resumé is impressive, but what gets people's attention is how he has changed the way people, particularly athletes and coaches, view injuries and how to treat them. "When you had a pulled hamstring back in 1979, the whole season is gone—you can't even run for the next four to six months," he says. "Right now for minor hamstring pulls, we can get you back in two to three weeks' time. For major ones, we can get you back in six weeks' to two months' time."

His aggressive approach, coupled with a desire to improve the performance of Filipino athletes, has made Canlas' name a byword in the local sports community, making him a much sought-after consultant of everyone from professional basketball teams to foundations such as Ateneo's Blue Eagles Foundation for Sports Development.

So significant is his impact on the local sports' scene that even the international sporting community has taken notice. Canlas has been given the distinct honor of being named representative of the whole Asian continent in the FIBA (International Basketball Federation) Medical Council, of which there are only eight members. It is a tremendous honor not only for Canlas, but for the country, as well.

He may have missed out on competing internationally for the country as an athlete, but his role as sports doctor takes him right into the heart of the action such as his tour of duty at the '93 Singapore Southeast Asian Games. It is this aggressive attitude of a former athlete sports doctor that makes Canlas' presence and expertise invaluable to the national team.

Canlas' sentiments do indeed lie with the athlete's welfare, which is why he has lobbied for sports sciences' inclusion in the PCSM. According to Canlas, sports sciences used to be part of the PCSM before budget constraints forced its closure. "Most of our personnel have left for greener fields," he says.

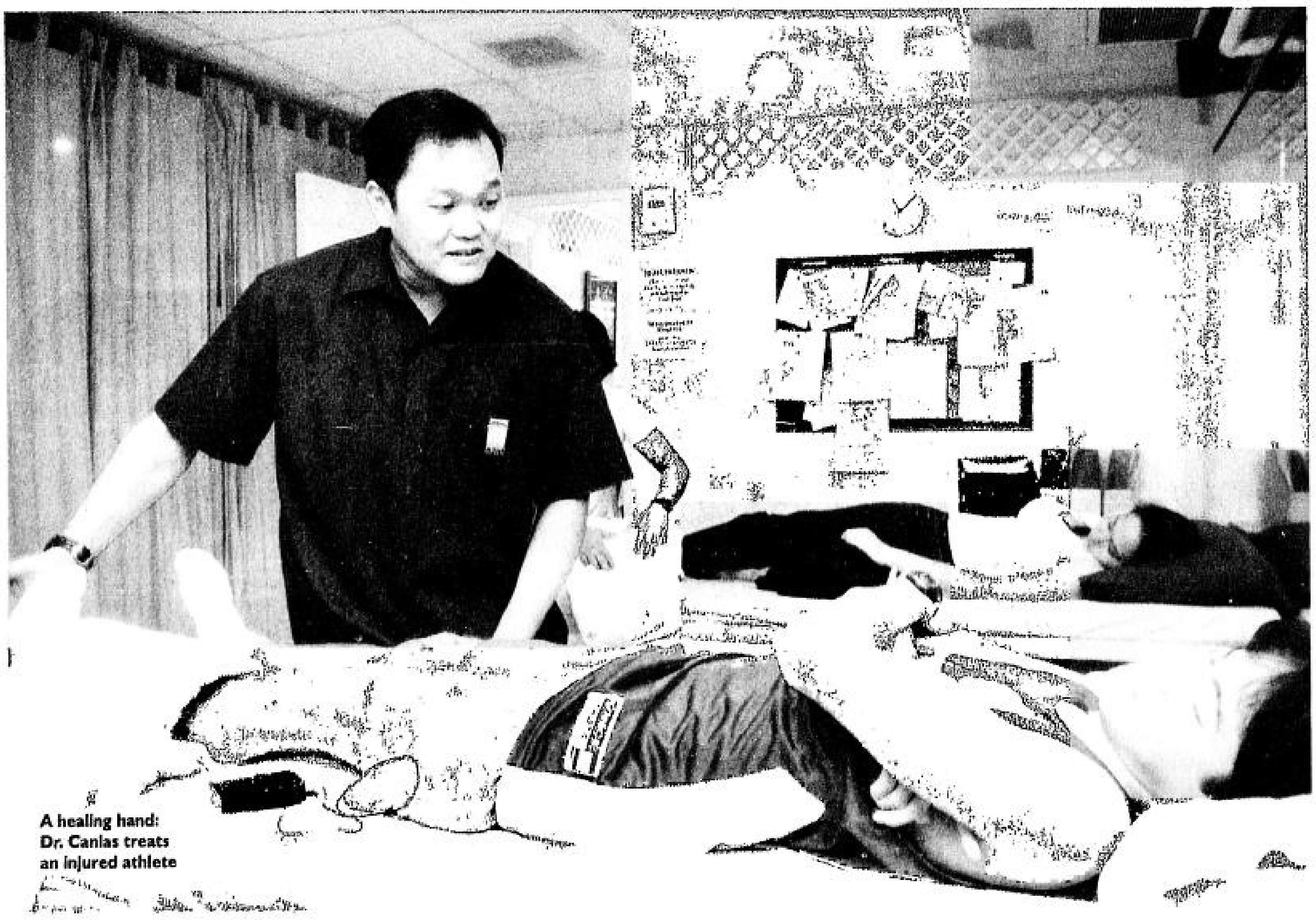
In the future, Canlas says, he would like to advance the science of sports medicine. "I'm glad to say that in our field, that of orthopedic sports medicine, we are at par with the rest of the world," he adds. "At times, we are even better than the rest of the world."

According to Canlas, local orthopedic sports medicine is so advanced that even foreign athletes who do not have insurance come here to have their surgery. "They come here for surgery then they spend two weeks' time in Boracay. They still spend less than one-fifth of what they would have spent in their respective countries," he says.

Although our knowledge of orthopedic sports medicine is relatively advanced, Canlas admits that there is still much room for improvement. "We still want to spread the gospel of sports medicine especially in the provinces. It's not really that well disseminated," he says.

Noble as it may seem, Canlas' efforts only mirror the reason he took up sports medicine in the first place. "When I was an athlete and I was injured, nobody really helped me," he muses. "In retrospect, I could have been a better athlete had I gotten the things that are available to athletes now."

Asked who treats him now when he sustains minor sports-related injuries, he says with a grin, "I treat myself—I go to the therapists and trainers, we discuss and fight about what to do and, of course, they follow what I want them to do."



A healing hand:
Dr. Canlas treats an injured athlete

This Week

Art

Dummy Run, recent paintings by Bernardo Pacquing opens on July 1-13 at Finale Art File, SM Megamall Mandaluyong City.

Visions of the Water World. Neil Caral mounts an exhibit of water world creatures at the SM Megamall Art Center, Mandaluyong City until July 2. The show consists of highly detailed renderings in oil and watercolor of a wide menagerie of fish and other underwater organisms.

"Papa Mary" by Juni Salvador, on view at Mag:net Gallery

Cut/New Collage. For June and July, mag:net gallery offers a sampling of contemporary collages by Filipino artists. Curated by Roberto Chabet, the show features works by Ronald Achacoso, Johnny Alcazaren, Bert Antonio, Roberto Chabet, Louie Cordero, Nilo Ilarde, Geraldine Javier, Yolanda Johnson, Lani Maestro, Manuel Ocampo, Jayson Oliveria, Gary-Ross Pastrana, Raul Rodriguez, Juni Salvador, Yasmin Sison, Soler, Gerardo Tan, Wire Tuazon, and Conrado Velasco. Exhibit runs until July 27 at the Mag:net Gallery located at the Loop, ELJ Center, ABS-CBN Compound, Eugenio Lopez Jr. St., Quezon City. For further information contact the gallery at 410-0995 or email magnet@info.com.ph.

Auspicious Art, paintings of Chinese-Filipino artist Lizanne Uychaco at the Art Elements Asian Gallery at Rockwell Power Plant until the end of June. Her exhibit features paintings of traditional and modern abstract Chinese seal scripts and zen.

"...with you." Pedro Garcia mounts his first one-man show at The BIG and small Gallery, 4th level, SM Megamall, bldg. A, Mandaluyong City. The show presents different personas and relationships between people, lovers and friends, as well as objects benefiting from the other. Exhibit runs until the 30th. For inquiries, please call 687-7425, look for Hilda.

The company of Tanghalang Ateneo on its 25th year

Cinema

pelikula@titusbrandsma presents "Burnt by the Sun" by Nikita Mikhalkov, "Piso Dalawang Piso" by Dennis Empalmado and "The Great Dictator" by Charlie Chaplin on July 12, 1 p.m. at Titus Brandsma Center (24 Acacia St., Cubao, Quezon City). For inquiries, call 726-7763 (Jofti) or 751-1169 (Maxie).

Onstage

Tanghalang Ateneo celebrates its 25th Repertory Season this year with four productions of classic works, each one a variation of the morality play. Kicking off this July is the premiere production of the Filipino translation of the classic medieval morality play, "Everyman," now titled "Bawat-Tao." In this dramatized allegory intended to teach audiences important theological concepts, Everyman receives summons from Death to make an accounting of his life, and seeks companionship for his journey to the grave. The play is translated by Ronan Capinding, with set and costumes by Salvador Bernal. Jovito Miroy, fresh from medieval studies at the University of Louvain, directs the play, fusing medieval motifs and Filipino social practice. For more information on plays and activities, call 426-6001 local 5056 or visit the Galian at 3/F Gonzaga Building of Ateneo de Manila University.

Food

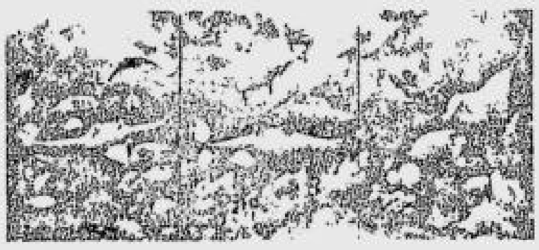
The country's premier Chinese Restaurant, **Shang Palace** of the Makati Shangri-La features fine a la carte seafood selections prepared by Chinese Executive Chef Tsang Siu Lun. Using only the freshest and top-quality ingredients, Chef Tsang will excite diners once again as he creates authentic sea edibles from China's Cantonese region. His special menu features fresh sea ingredients namely garoupa, eel, lobster and crab. Promo runs until July 5. For inquiries and reservations, call Makati Shangri-La's Restaurant Reservations and Information Center at 840-0884 or 813-8888 extensions 7588/7599.

Partake of delectable shrimp preparations at **Emperor Court's Shrimp-tation Promotion.** The "piece de resistance" for the entire month of July at Emperor Court, New World Renaissance Hotel's fine Cantonese restaurant, is the exquisite denizen of the deep, namely the shrimp. Feast on succulent shrimp creations offered in a delightful a la carte menu. Emperor Court is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For reservations, call 811-6888.

Atbp

In its participation in the Sangang-daan Festival, the Metropolitan Museum of Manila presents an exhibition entitled: **City Beautiful? The Burnham Plan for Manila's Urban Development.** This exhibition, which is on show at the Catwalk Galleries from July 2 to September 26, 2003, features maps, photos, artifacts and models that illustrate the attempts of a rising colonial power to create a modern imperial capital at the turn of the century. The Metropolitan Museum is located at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. It is open Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) has recently launched the **Heritage Photo Contest 2003.** The contest is open to professional and non-professional photographers. Entries should be in 8 x 10 color print format of any heritage site such as buildings, monuments, or any unique structure that has historical, socio-cultural, artistic and/or scientific value to the country or to the world. Negatives or slides of submitted entries should be pasted at the back of the print. Submitted entries should not have been previously awarded any prize in any contest or previously published or printed. Desktop printouts are not allowed. A cash prize of P20,000.00 awaits the first prize winner, while P15,000 and P10,000 go to the second and third prize winners respectively. Submission of entries is up to 4:00 p.m. of August 1, 2003 only. Interested parties should submit their entries to the Heritage Month 2003 Photo Contest c/o the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, 633 Gen. Luna St. Intramuros, Manila. For inquiries, contact Ms Ethel Buluran of the NCCA Project Management and Development office at 527-2192 loc. 503-504.


"Giant Ballerinas" by Neil Caral, on exhibit at SM Megamall Art Center

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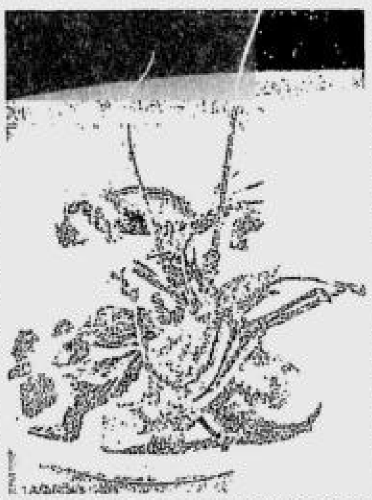
The SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE welcomes listings of events in and outside Metro Manila. Please send announcements at least two weeks in advance, and include contact numbers for inquiries on schedules..

Sign up for a **year-long course in painting and drawing** with focus on still life, portrait, caricature and figure painting and fashion illustration at the Positivism Art Gallery. Participants must be 13 years old and above and every class is limited to 10 students. Positivism exponent and painter E. R. Tagle together with his artist-friends will conduct the art program. Positivism Art Gallery is located at Enterprise Plaza, 1429 Pablo Ocampo St., (formerly Vito Cruz Extn.) Brgy. San Antonio, Makati City. For inquiries call 899-6358 or 816-0904 and 0917-9726223.


Steamed lobster with fresh garden vegetables at Makati Shangri-La's Shang Palace

Come and spend the whole day with your family at **Kiddie Carnival 2003** at EDSA Shangri-La Hotel today from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. At the Camia Room of the hotel, party organizers like Clowning Around will be there to help you organize your children's parties in the most fun ways at your budget. Pioneers in the field of entertaining children, Ella Choy and Cherry Osmena will bring their own brand of entertainment with magicians, a monocyclist/juggler, face painters, mime artist and a caricaturist. Party decorators like Heidi Lu of Ballooh Creations, will display creative balloon sculptures while girls can have their hair done in the latest Barbie, Bratz or Princess fashion at Clowning Around's Kidz Salon. Bookstores like Young Minds will sell books and educational toys that children of all ages will surely enjoy. A whole day of seminars for parents have been organized by super-parents Maricel Laxa-Pangilinan and Anthony Pangilinan who will lecture on stress-free parenting. Actor and director Freddie Santos and Coach Chot Reyes will share their expertise with parents.

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) in cooperation with the NCCA Committee on Cinema announces its newest publication entitled **"Sampung Taong Sine,"** an anthology of critical writing on Philippine cinema of the nineties. Produced by members of the Film Desk of the Young Critics Circle, the book strongly launches the Filipino language as a new medium of discourse on Filipino film. Roster of critics include Romulo Baquiran, Dr. Patrick D. Flores, Dr. Galileo Zafra, and Flaudette May V. Datuin. Interested parties can avail themselves of "Sampung Taong Sine" at the NCCA Public Affairs and Information office and at leading bookstores. For more information, contact Glenn Maboloc at 527-2192 loc. 612 or 527-5529.

Calling all students, entrepreneurs and hobbyists! **Sweets n' more tutorial school** will conduct a chocolate molding seminar on July 5, 1:30 p.m. and a special Sunday class on July 6, 8:30 a.m. For reservations and inquiries, text or call 0916-8758704.

Big Sky Mind Artists Projects Foundation holds its first Open House of the **18th Avenue Artists Compound** on July 12-13, 2003. Big Sky Mind will be presenting its first batch of resident artists for the year 2003-2004—Ronald Anading, Lena Cobangbang, Louie Cordero/Cubao Community Graphics, Jayson Oliveria and Marjorie Yu. Talks by the resident artists will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, followed by cocktails at 6 p.m. The studios of the resident artists will also be open for group visits on Sunday, July 13, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The 18th Avenue Artists Compound is located at 70 18th Avenue, Murphy, Cubao, Quezon City. For inquiries, contact Ringo Bunoan or Katya Guerrero at 421-2125 or email big_sky_mind@hotmail.com.

A Short-term **"Creative Workshop Venue"** is available for lecturers on flower arrangement, creative writing, photography, beads working and many more. For scheduling and information please call 724-2366 and look for Gina.

Distress yourself by taking Art lesson at **JS Basic Creative Workshop** that offers Cartooning, Basic Drawing and Painting Lessons for kids and adults. For more information, visit 713 Abad Santos Place (near Wilson Street) San Juan Metro Manila or call at 724-2366.

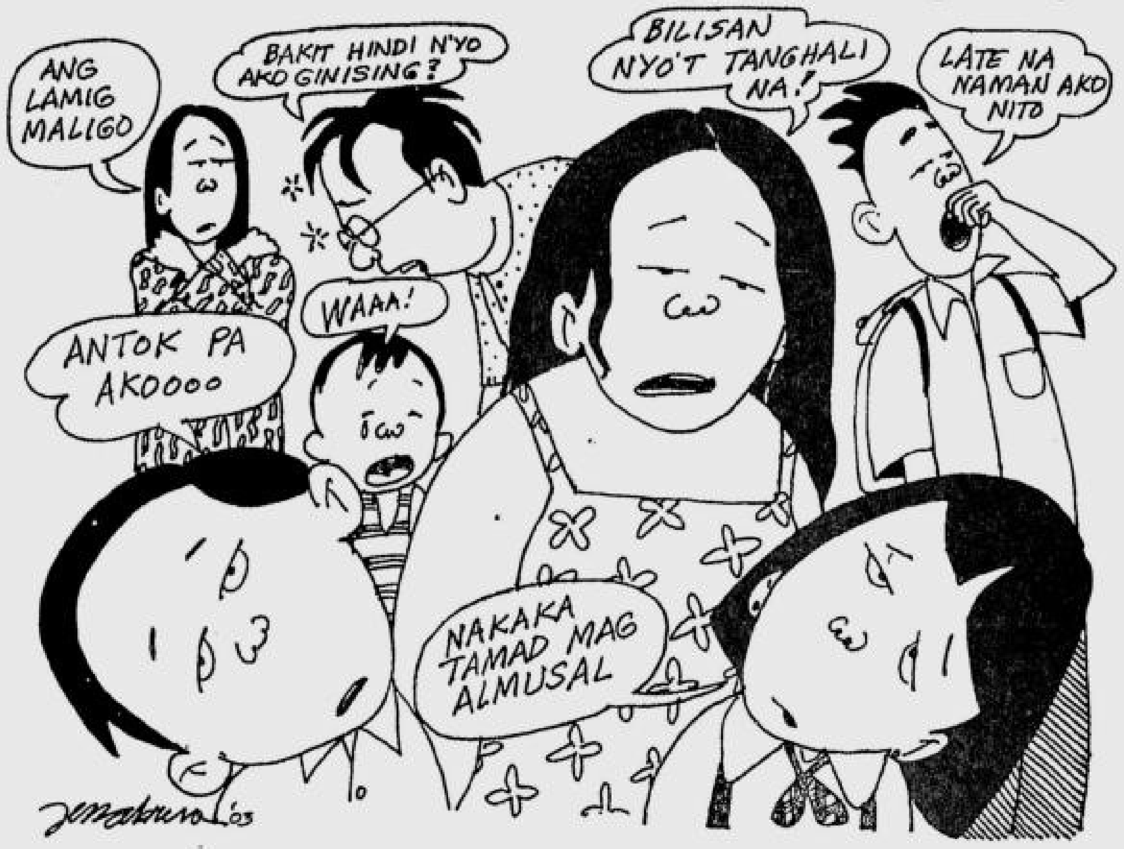
The Center for Health and Creative Arts (CHACRA) offers **basic courses on the ancient Chinese healing exercises,** Shi Ba Shi (Taiji-Qigong)—7:30 to 9:00 a.m., and Sheng Zhen Healing Qi-Gong (Part I)—9:30 a.m. to 12:00 nn, on July 12, 19, 26 and August 2 (four Saturdays) at the Partnership Center, 59 Salvador St., Loyola Heights, QC. For details call 434-5381 or 0919-7405791.

The **7th Academic Bookfair** will be held on July 14-18, 2003, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the U.P. Bahay ng Alumni, Diliman, Quezon City. Organized by the prestigious Association of Booksellers for the Academe and the Professions (ABAP), the five-day bookfair has adopted the theme "Of Books and Bytes: Connecting People, Information and Technology." For inquiries, call Lydia Wenceslao at telefax 925-4572.

Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

Pang Umaga



The Centennial

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tion—even when massacres occasionally occured in the poblacion—we did not leave our town.

"When the war ended, the American soldiers came to Taal to organize a provisional government. No Taaleño came to meet the American soldiers except my eldest brother, Juan K. Solis, a justice of the peace. He was temporarily appointed mayor of Taal. A street in our town has been named in his honor."

With his sharp memory and storytelling prowess, Solis is a delight to anyone interested in Taal's rich culture and history. No wonder people, especially students, continue to seek him out and consult him.

People just come knocking at his door to ask about Taal, he says. Besides being his birthplace, Taal is close to this old man's heart because "it is a beautiful, old, peaceful town—a haven for senior citizens like me."

An educator for 46 years, Solis started teaching at 18, right after his graduation from high school. From a public school teacher earning P55 a month, he went on to become an elementary school principal for 14 years and a district supervisor for 26 years.

"As a teacher, I was a friend to my students. I loved teaching and enjoyed interacting with my pupils. I was also happy to help them in their studies."

In 1930, while Solis was the assigned principal in Alitagtag, Batangas, he met Pacita "Pacing" Vergara, an elementary school teacher assigned in Cupang Bauan, which was only two kilometers away from his station. "Even from the very start, I knew and felt that I loved her. It was love at first sight and destiny, too.

"*Aba*, my courtship was rapid fire. I would write her letters and visit her." His persistence paid off and three months later, he won her love. They were married at the Tondo Parish Church on April 21, 1932.

Sixty-five years after, *Aling* Pacing, 90, and Solis, 92, renewed their marriage vows in the Basilica of Taal on April 21, 1997, with the reception held at the Butong Beach Resort. "It was quite a celebration attended by relatives far and near, friends and colleagues from the academe, the government, as well as civic and religious organizations. Every family in town was practically represented in that party," Solis recounts.

The couple celebrated their last wedding anniversary—their 66th—the following year. Six days after her birthday, *Aling* Pacing quietly passed away on June 11, 1998.

"As much as possible, my family does not want me to be left alone because of a series of accidents." About two years ago, he fell down the bed and had a hip fracture. Without any surgery, the hip healed. Another time, he slipped in his room and hit his head on the floor. Except for a one-day stay in the hospital, he was fine. Recently, he stepped on one of the housecats and got bitten. "It was not the cat's fault and I'm already through with my antibiotics," he says.

In 1978, Solis visited his children and grandchildren in the United States and stayed there for 14 months. "I spent four seasons there but it was my first and last visit to the US. After all, everything that I can find there, all the conveniences, are also available in Manila."

Then and now, Solis believes in simple living. "I sleep soundly because I do not have debts. I live within my means. It was only when I reached 90 or so that I experienced having a birthday party. I don't go for borrowing money just so you could have a grand party."

At his age, Solis still enjoys a good discussion on social and political issues. He is an avid fan and listener of Totoy Talastas, whose news commentaries he finds well done and fair to all concerned. "I also enjoy watching the Mexican telenovelas but I may soon give them up because of my poor eyesight." But using a magnifying glass, he can still read, especially if the text is written in bold letters.

Solis is the only surviving member of Class 1921 of the Taal Elementary School. "All of us were close to one another. In 1971, the class had a golden reunion and about 100 of us came. Afterwards, we held the reunion yearly until 1996, when we celebrated our 75th anniversary and there were only four of us left. Now, I am the only one left."

People have often asked him about the secret of his longevity. Apart from genetics and God's will, Solis attributes it to his retirement at the age of 65. "Unlike most of my co-retirees, I did not take on another job, not even a consultancy. Instead I devoted my free time to civic and church activities."

He remains reflective of the future, another century that may not have him in it: "I'm not saying that I'm ready to die but I'm leaving my fate to God. Like St. Therese, I also pray for a happy, blessed and easy death. I don't worry about leaving my loved ones behind since all my children and grandchildren can stand on their own, socially and professionally."

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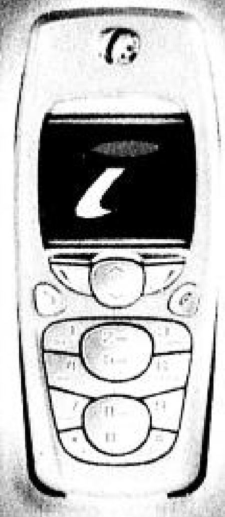

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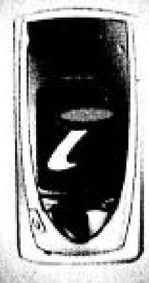

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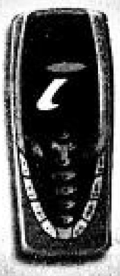

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